

**California bans travel to another state based on its
'discriminatory' LGBT adoption law**
Ryan W. Miller, USA Today

Add Oklahoma to the list of states to which California is banning state-funded and state-sponsored travel. California Attorney General Xavier Becerra announced Friday that as a result of "discriminatory legislation" that became Oklahoma law last month, the western state will prohibit travel to its midwestern counterpart.

**Outspoken legislator Erin Maye Quade endorsed as Erin
Murphy's running mate in governor's race**
Jessie Van Berkel, Star Tribune

Minnesota DFLers wrapped up their hard-fought endorsing convention Sunday by unexpectedly backing lieutenant governor candidate Erin Maye Quade, a rookie legislator whose fight against sexual harassment and sit-in for gun control vaulted her into the spotlight. Minnesota DFLers backed Maye Quade a day after state Rep. Erin Murphy won the gubernatorial endorsement over U.S. Rep. Tim Walz in seven rounds of voting.

Advocacy

**Lobbyist Whose Wife Rented a Condo to Scott Pruitt Failed to
Disclose E.P.A. Lobbying**
Eric Lipton, The New York Times

The lobbyist whose wife rented a \$50-a-night condo to Scott Pruitt, the head of the Environmental Protection Agency, has revised his disclosure reports after his firm concluded he had not properly disclosed additional efforts to influence Mr. Pruitt and the agency - including appeals when Mr. Pruitt was living in the condo. The lobbying firm, Williams & Jensen, has refiled lobbying disclosure reports from 2017 to acknowledge that Steve Hart, the firm's former chairman, lobbied the E.P.A. on behalf of

Coca-Cola and a government board from Puerto Rico helping the island address its fiscal debts.

Embattled Chinese Telecom Giant ZTE Hired Trump Campaign Veteran

Lachlan Markay, The Daily Beast

A day after President Donald Trump announced he would consider easing penalties against a controversial Chinese electronics company, that company enlisted a Trump campaign veteran to make its case in Washington. ZTE Corporation struck a contract with D.C. lobbying and public relations powerhouse Mercury Public Affairs on May 14, a day after Trump tweeted that he would consider lifting the penalties that had been imposed on the company as punishment for its violation of sanctions against Iran and North Korea.

Unions Brace for Pivotal Court Decision Amid Politicking

Kate Ackley, Roll Call

In preparation for a Supreme Court decision that may deal a significant setback to public-sector unions, organized labor groups are launching new recruiting efforts as they mobilize for the midterm elections. The case - brought by Illinois state worker Mark Janus against the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees - challenges existing law that allows government-employee unions to collect fees from nonmembers.

Opinions, Editorials and Perspectives

Concerned About National Security? Fund Our Schools Better

Henry C. Lucas Jr., Morning Consult

The wave of teacher strikes, from West Virginia to Colorado, has raised our awareness of how teacher pay has fallen behind the salaries of other professionals and how desperate conditions are in many schools. Some

states have cut education budgets so severely that they are spending far less in today's dollars than they were ten years ago.

The Other China Challenge
The Editorial Board, The Wall Street Journal

While President Trump focuses on trade and North Korea, China is aggressively building military outposts beyond its borders in the South China Sea. Beijing wants to push Washington out of the Indo-Pacific, and the Trump Administration and Congress may finally be developing a serious strategy to respond.

The Shame in Puerto Rico
The Editorial Board, The New York Times

It is eight months now since Hurricane Maria ravaged Puerto Rico, leveling 70,000 homes and leaving 3.3 million people without power or water and the health care system in tatters. By any measure, the catastrophe was on a level with Hurricanes Katrina and Sandy, two other storms that devastated large regions of America.

Research Reports and Polling

CBS News Battleground Tracker: The House is a toss-up
Anthony Salvanto et al., CBS News

In the race for Congress, most polls report one national percentage for Democrats and Republicans. But that's not very helpful - because this is a race for seats.

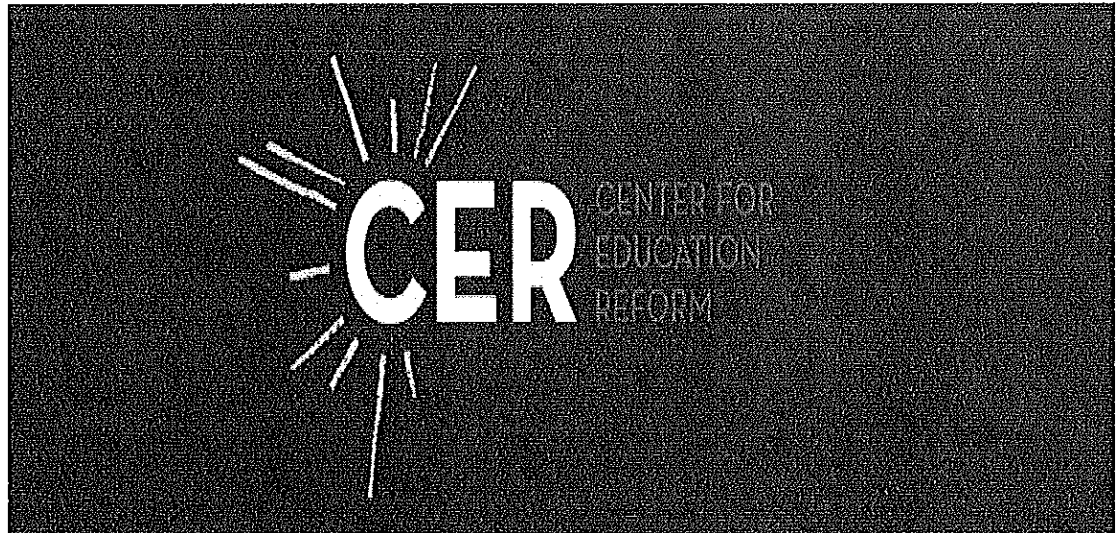


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POLITICS AS UNUSUAL. "A subterranean divide among Democrats between backers of teachers unions and those of charter schools and other education innovations is helping shape key gubernatorial primaries..." so reports the AP. Charter schools and edreform have long been backburner issues in political campaigns, but in some places a tipping point has been reached. In Colorado, for example, tension has been building over education for months; activists tried to forbid the group Democrats for Education Reform, which backs candidates who support innovations like charter schools and evaluations, from

using the party's name in its title. Some of this strife is being driven the teachers unions. [Read more here.](#)

PERSONALITY POLITICS. The *NY Times* [posits](#) that because Ed Secretary Betsy DeVos is allegedly such a polarizing figure her support for charter schools actually does more harm to the charter movement than good. "One survey of views on charter schools found... ..the president and his education secretary are so disliked by liberals that some will automatically reject whatever they endorse." While that isn't surprising, it is unfortunate and has spawned a narrative of negativity that is doing a terrible disservice to charters specifically and ed opportunities and innovations generally.

NEW YORK POLITICS. A *NY Post* [editorial](#) lays it on the line for NY Schools Chancellor Richard Carranza. If he truly wants to mend fences with the city's high-performing charter schools and their leaders, he can start by granting long-languishing space requests and also end an injustice that NY1 exposed this week: discrimination by the Committee on Special Education 1 against kids who attend Success Academy (it's been slow-walking requests for Success Academy students, and even unfairly denying services). [Continued...](#)

SOMEBODY'S GOTTA STAND UP. Last week *The Las Vegas Review-Journal* ran a piece about how Nevada's Clark County School District had created a new marketing position to sell the district's schools to parents and slow the exodus of student to charter schools. We responded with a letter to the editor, which reads in part "The [district's] goal should not be 'How do we convince families not to leave?' It should be 'How do we provide learning experiences and results that make them want to stay?'" Read the letter in its entirety [here](#).

AND WHILE WE WE'RE AT IT. How do we say this politely....? We've just about had it Valerie Strauss' attempts at journalism, and with the people she quotes and whose opinions she offers up as "proof" that public education is

under attack by dark forces who want to “privatize” schools. So we fired off a letter to *The Washington Post* too.

CONFIRMATION. One of the comments you often hear from parents who choose to send their children to charter, or private schools is the simple desire to ensure their kids are safe – which, sadly, is often not the case in the schools that many children attend. But are those desires met? According to an analysis of the second-year results of the federal evaluation of the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program (the federally funded scholarship program that allows low-income families in D.C. to use public education dollars to cover private-school tuition for their kids) by *The Hill*, the answer is a resounding yes! Get the facts.

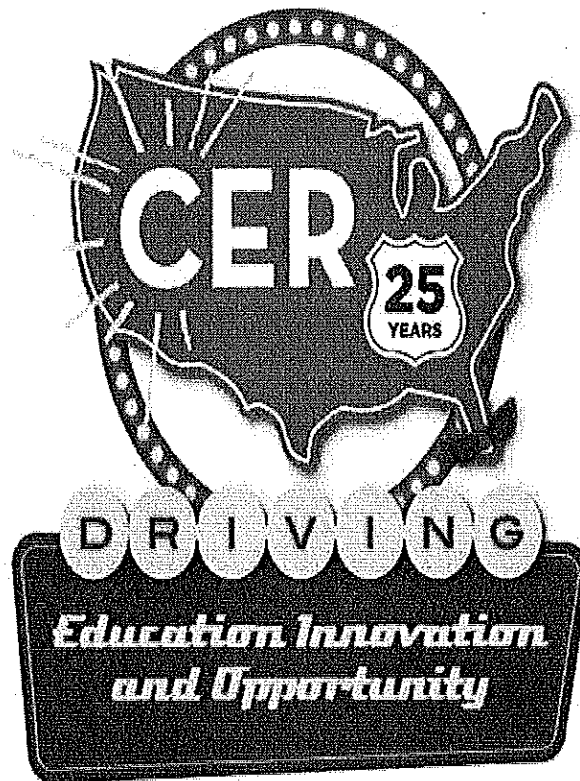
GOOD NEWS? Later this month the Baltimore School Board will consider applications for six new charter schools. Unfortunately, the same school board has consistently cut its budget for the city’s existing 34 charter schools (which serve about 20 percent of Charm City’s 80,600 public school students). Adding insult to injury, there’s a new funding formula that has charter schools paying the district millions of dollars for services previously covered by the school system. Nicole Harris-Crest, ED of the Maryland Alliance of Public Charter Schools, said the cuts and new rules made for a pretty tough environment for starting a charter school. “But,” she added, “it adds additional people to the movement to fight for equitable funding.” It’s time the state legislature or the courts step in to make the playing field more level for charters and traditional public schools alike.

ON CHEERIER NOTES. Check out these two stories on charter schools. First the CBS Morning News story on BASIS Independent Silicon Valley, which has captured the top five spots on U.S. News and World Report’s list of the best high schools and where students are required to take at least seven AP courses, beginning as early as eighth grade (*and some take as many as 20*). And do yourself a favor by reading *“A change of schools changed everything”* by valedictorian of the 2018 graduating class of PACE Career

Academy in Allenstown, NH. It's a great personal testament to all the things that are the foundation of innovations and opportunities that are charter schools.

TIME FOR A REALITY CHECK. In a lifetime of amassing experiences and diverse avenues of success, Bill Walton, founder and chairman of the private equity firm Rappahannock Ventures, has been driven by one defining theme, "I've always been interested in the barriers to change." A lifelong learner, Bill is an entrepreneur, education reformer, supporter of the arts, and is a feature film and documentary producer. Bill and his wife Sarah developed an entire French and Spanish language curriculum, Language Odyssey. Since then, he has been passionate in the belief that, "A free market in education rather than government-run schools is the ideal system for every child to flourish in." Listen online at <https://www.edreform.com/realitycheck/>.

TICK-TOCK. The clock's winding down, and decisions are being handed down, as the end of this session of the Supreme Court draws to a close. Before it's all over there'll be a decision on Janus v. AFSCME which, if it goes as anticipated (in favor of Janus) will have a huge impact on the power of the teacher's union. For all the latest news, and up-to-the-minute comment, visit edreform.com or go to <https://standwithworkers.org/>.



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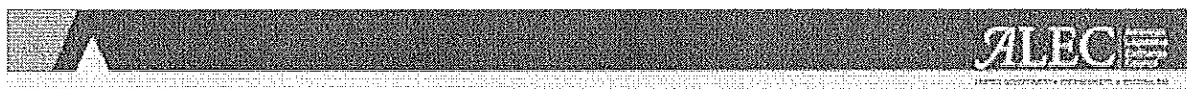
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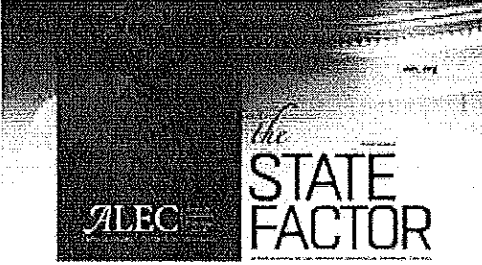
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Learn More About Internet Sales Tax Ahead of Upcoming *Wayfair* Decision Center for State Fiscal Reform

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Online Sales Tax Collection, Constitutional Precedent, and Interstate Commerce: What You Need to Know
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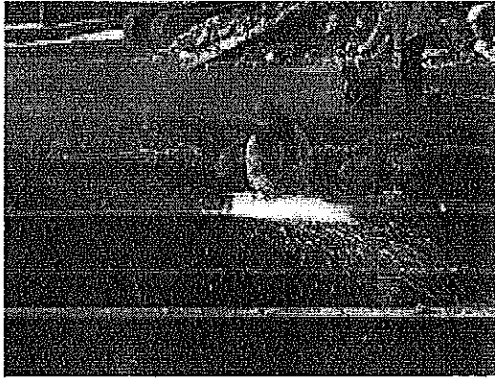
It is well known that interstate commerce is a vital part of the United States economy. The Constitution grants Congress the power to regulate interstate commerce, and the Supreme Court has consistently upheld this power. However, the collection of sales tax on interstate commerce has long been a contentious issue. This report examines the constitutional and interstate commerce implications of the Supreme Court's decision in *South Dakota v. Wayfair*, and provides guidance on how states can best respond to this decision.

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Ronald J. Lampard | Criminal Justice



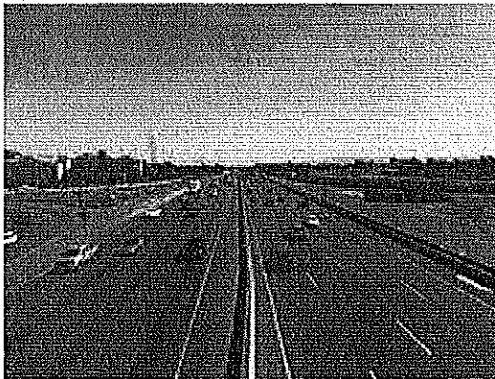
Join us at **2:00 PM Today** for a Facebook Live discussion featuring Criminal Justice Director **Ronnie Lampard** discussing the state level responses to the opioid epidemic and identifying states that are leading the way in combatting it.

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Are Drivers Getting a Good Deal for Gas Taxes?

Grant Kidwell | Energy, Environment, and Agriculture



Are American drivers getting a good deal on roads for what they pay in gas taxes?

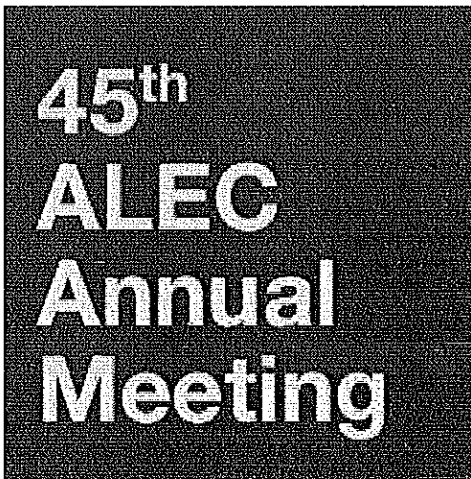
Most would struggle to answer the question since doing so would first require them knowing how much they pay in taxes at the pump. Americans are more likely to know how much they pay in sales taxes than they do in gas taxes. This is due to unique lack of transparency in transactions at gas stations.

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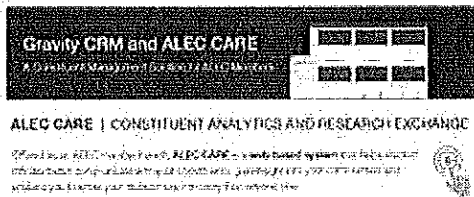


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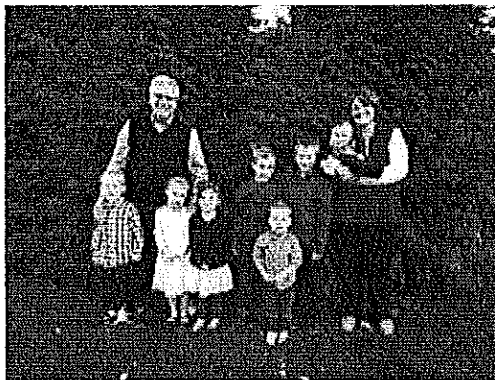


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Working for Families in Indiana

Representative Dale DeVon | IN-5



This week, ALEC and FreedomWorks recognize **Indiana Representative Dale DeVon** as the Legislator of the Week. Representative DeVon is homebuilder and small business owner who recognizes the importance of affordable housing. He also emphasizes the importance of families, having worked as a youth leader in his church and working with at-risk children to help them with a better future.

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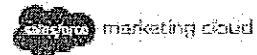


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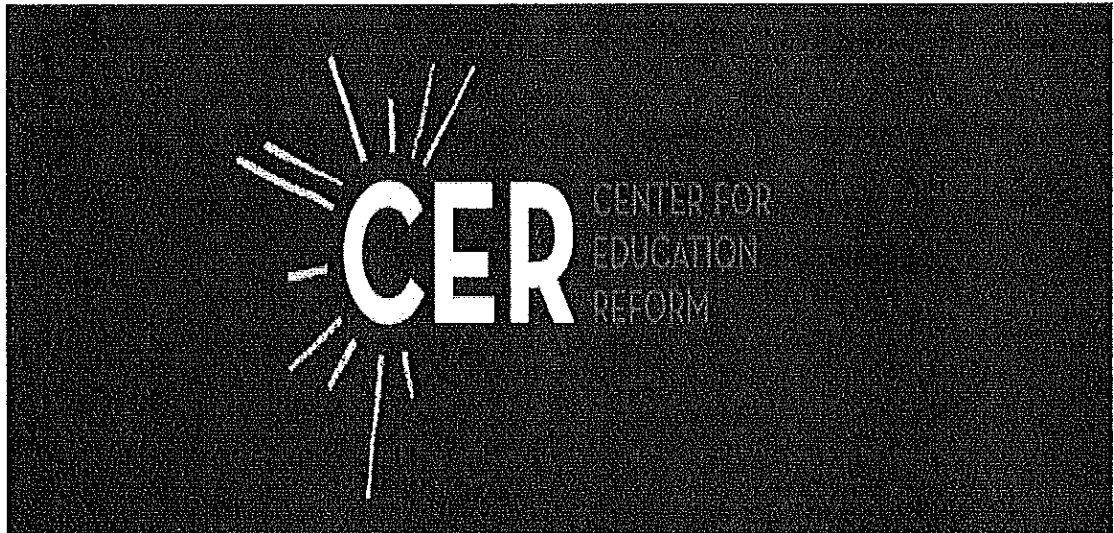
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choice. He did other great things as governor, too (e.g. welfare reform), and went on to build a remarkable career of public service, including a stint as Secretary of Health and Human Services under George W. Bush, but he'll always be tops in our book for his commitment to, and success in, achieving substantive education reform.

MEANWHILE BACK AT THE RANCH... Last Sunday night NBC News aired a charter school story that argues charters are increasingly geared to support "white flight." If the claims weren't so outlandish and unfounded, it would be laughable. The producer, who was incredibly open to receiving information countering these allegations, based his report on an analysis performed by the Hechinger Report. In one of the documents CER supplied, we demonstrated Hechinger's bias against charter schools, as well as the folly of the argument. [Read more...](#)

A DOUBLE DOSE OF REALITY... This week Jeanne Allen interviewed [Erica Komisar](#), author of "Being There: Why Prioritizing Motherhood in the First Three Years Matters." Based on more than two decades of clinical work and breakthrough neurobiological research on caregiving, attachment and brain development, her book challenges established concepts (and myths) of infant resiliency, 'having it all' and even the definition of feminism. One thing this book is not about is quitting your job. "It's not about working vs. not working – it's really a book about more is more." Also on Reality Check, an attorney for Mark Janus from the [Liberty Justice Center](#) shares his thoughts on the likely outcome of the high court's pending decision.

Find the podcasts at edreform.com/realitycheck and on [National Review](#).

WHEN IT RAINS IT POURS... Just as the AFT and NEA are bracing for the ruling from SCOTUS in the Janus v. AFSCME case, [teachers in New York state have filed a class-action suit](#) claiming (correctly, we might add) that they are being illegally forced to cough up union dues even if they're not union members. This is in response to NY's new law, signed by Gov. Andrew Cuomo

last April, mandating that all teachers pay a New York State United Teachers "agency fee" regardless of their membership status. Supporters say all teachers benefit from pay hikes and perks secured by the union and should subsidize those efforts. In a suit filed Thursday the two teachers who brought the case say (correctly, we might add) that they oppose "NYSUT's political advocacy and collective bargaining activities" and shouldn't have to fund them. Yep.

In Other News...

MORE THAN REASONABLE... The Reason Foundation has put out a great piece on school funding. Although titled "Five Recommendations to Solve LAUSD's Looming Fiscal Crisis" its applicable, in parts or in whole, to school funding crises around the country and is worth the read.

SUNSHINE STATE SUCCESS... Former Florida Senate Education Chairman, John Legg, recently summed up Florida's great, new K-12 scholarship program. "... [it] is conceptually reminiscent of the free tutoring programs developed by bipartisan education advocates under the federal No Child Left Behind Act. This scholarship is driven by the educational principle that children must learn to read so they can then read to learn." Notably the program doesn't try to simply thread more money into district elementary reading budgets but instead provides a reading scholarship, which gives parents the decision on how to spend it. And why is that a better approach, Legg was asked: "The parent is the most influential person in the child's life."

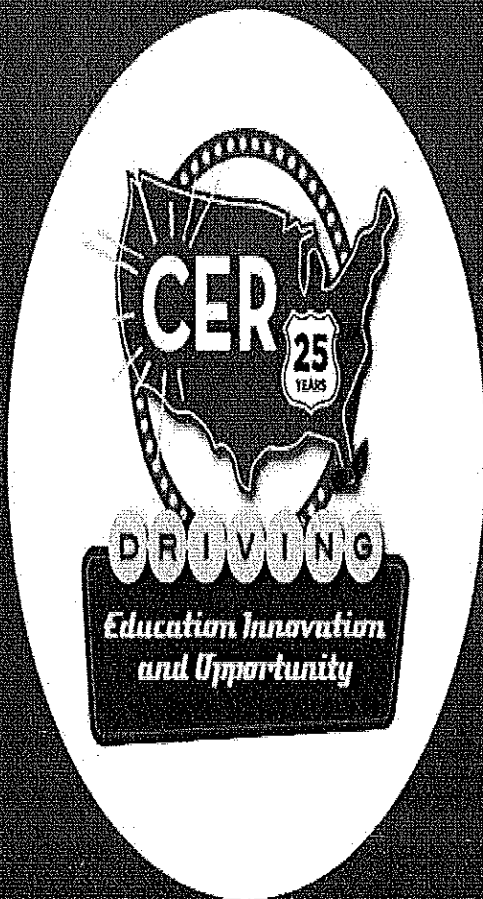
A PROGRESSIVE POINT OF VIEW... Also of note this week, a passionate op-ed on educational opportunity for all, titled "Progressive, affluent parents who send their kids to good= schools shouldn't deny others that right." An excerpt: "Simply put, I'm a progressive. So it troubles me deeply to hear self-styled progressives attack educational options that other parents choose for their children. Worse, these attacks on the educational choices that lower-income parents and parents of children with special needs make almost always

come from progressives of higher means. We have a recommendation for that: Check your privilege. I support educational choice for all. Educational options have existed for the wealthy for as long as anyone can remember. What's controversial is when we suggest that those same options should be open to everyone." Amen.

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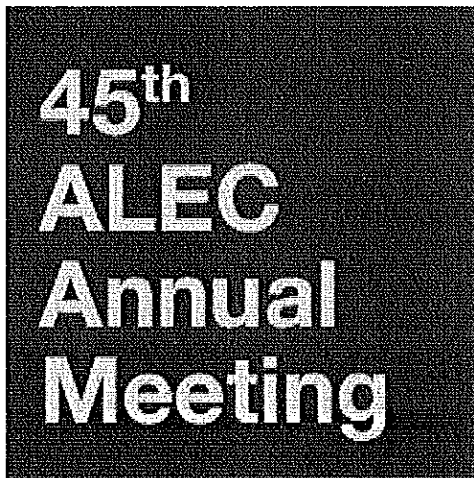
As the Supreme Court decision in *South Dakota v. Wayfair* approaches, states are scrambling to pass legislation to protect their tax base. This report provides a comprehensive overview of the constitutional and interstate commerce issues surrounding online sales tax collection, and offers practical advice for states on how to best protect their tax base in the wake of the *Wayfair* decision.

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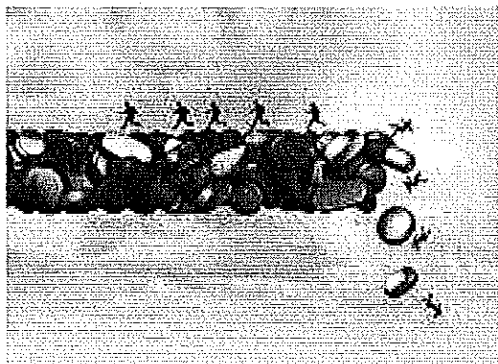
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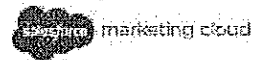


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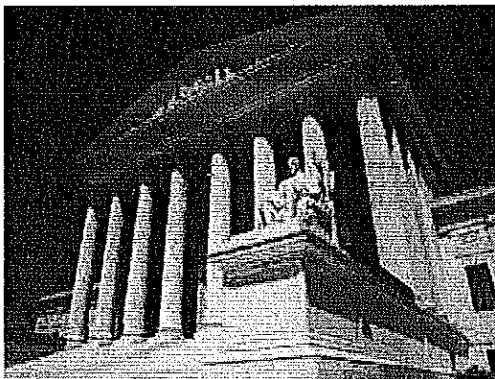


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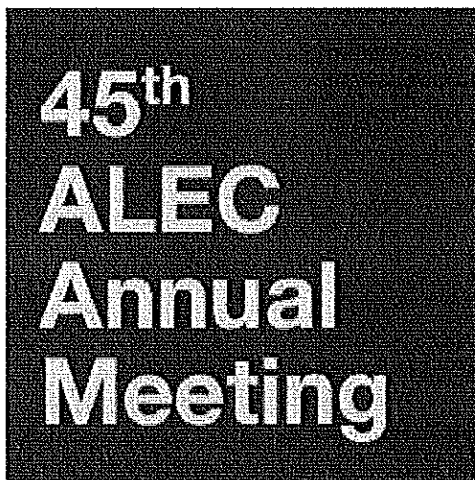
The Supreme Court today released their decision in *South Dakota v. Wayfair*, concerning the collection of sales tax for online retailers. ALEC has released a statement on the decision in the case, for which the organization has previously submitted an [Amicus Brief](#).

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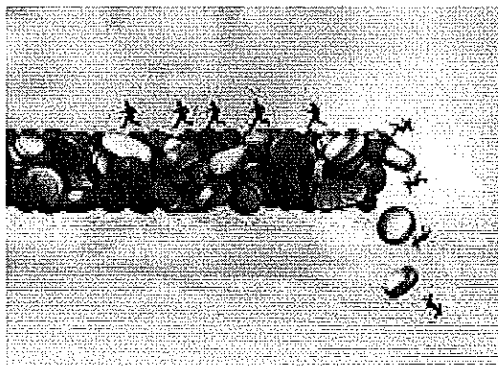
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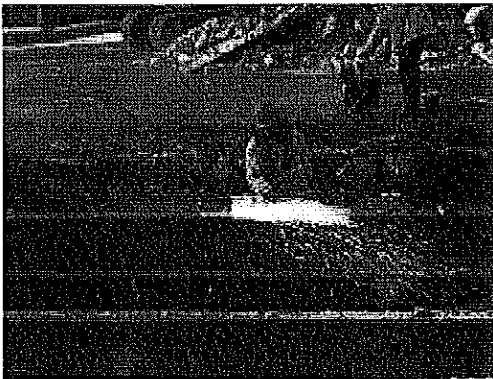
This week, ALEC and Freedomworks introduce **Kansas Senator Susan Wagle** as this week's Legislator of the Week. Senator Wagle has served since 2013 as the 47th Senate President of Kansas. Prior to her time in the Senate, she was also the Speaker *pro tem* in the Kansas House of Representatives. Senator Wagle is a proponent of government transparency in contracting, stating "Transparency in these matters protects the contracts from political cronyism."

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Worker Freedom

***Janus v. AFSCME*: "Let Me Out"**

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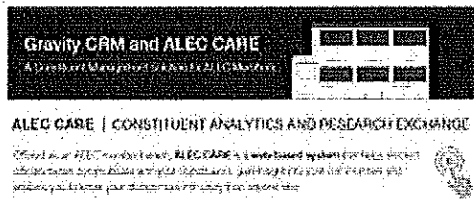


An upcoming important U.S. Supreme Court decision, *Janus v. AFSCME*, will once again put the issue of union fees as a condition of employment back on the table. If Mark Janus wins his case against the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, millions of government workers across the country will no longer be forced to pay union dues that violate their First Amendment right.

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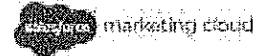


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Millions May Soon Gain the Right to Work

The U.S. Supreme Court will soon release its ruling on the viability of public sector unions. In the landmark case *Janus v. American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees* (AFSCME), the court will determine whether forced union dues are an infringement of state and local government workers' rights to freedom of speech and association.

Proponents of "open shop" or "right-to-work" (RTW) laws are confident the court will overturn *Abood v. Detroit Board of Education* (DBE), a 1977 Supreme Court decision that upheld the right for public unions to collect "fair share" or "agency fees" from non-union employees. The plaintiff in *Janus v. AFSCME*, Mark Janus, is an Illinois state employee who argued agency fees are a violation of his First Amendment rights, especially given the inherent political nature of public sector collective bargaining.

Although it is illegal to compel union membership, non-union public workers in states without RTW must often fork over agency fees to unions. These fees are used to support union collective bargaining activities and contract enforcements. Currently, state laws mandate all union and non-union public employees are represented in the collective bargaining process by a democratically elected union, which becomes the exclusive bargaining representative.

Opponents of RTW laws argue workers who opt out of union membership should pay a fee, albeit one that is lower than union dues. Furthermore, RTW foes contend non-union employees receive the advantage of union-negotiated collective-bargaining agreements, such as high wages and top-tier benefits.

In a new *Research & Commentary*, Heartland Senior Policy Analyst Matthew Glans comments on the ramifications of a ruling in favor of Janus. "In anticipation of the upcoming ruling, many states have passed new laws, either strengthening unions or making it easier for state workers to opt out without penalties," Glans wrote.

Instead of imposing rules limiting workers' freedoms, Glans argues, "States can implement paycheck protection laws, and give workers control over their wages. States can also implement an opt-in standard for union participation, where a new worker has to choose to be in a union when they start a new job, instead of choosing to opt out. If ending the current opt-out standard is not possible, states can improve the process by requiring an opt-out only once per job or when a worker changes jobs, instead of having to wait until the end of a 12-month period."

Currently, 28 states have RTW laws, and a decision in favor of Janus should not deter the 22 other states from passing RTW laws. These laws govern all employees within the state, so both private- and public-sector workers are not obligated to pay union fees as a condition of employment. In the wake of *Janus v. AFSCME*, state legislators should pass "open shop" laws to secure the fundamental right to free speech and association for millions of workers and to grant workers sufficient notice and time to make an informed decision regarding union membership.

What We're Working On

Education

Funding Formula Committee Has Chance to Transform Public Education in Idaho

In this *Research & Commentary*, Policy Analyst Tim Benson examines how for the first time since 1994 Idaho's Public School Funding Formula Committee is considering dramatically altering the method the state uses to allot public school funding. To accommodate budgetary concerns and revolutionary shifts in the classroom, the committee will recommend changes that could be implemented in the 2019 legislative session. Benson argues the committee has an opportunity to fundamentally transform public education in Idaho by shifting the funding formula to a child-centric model, where funding follows students, not schools.

Energy & Environment

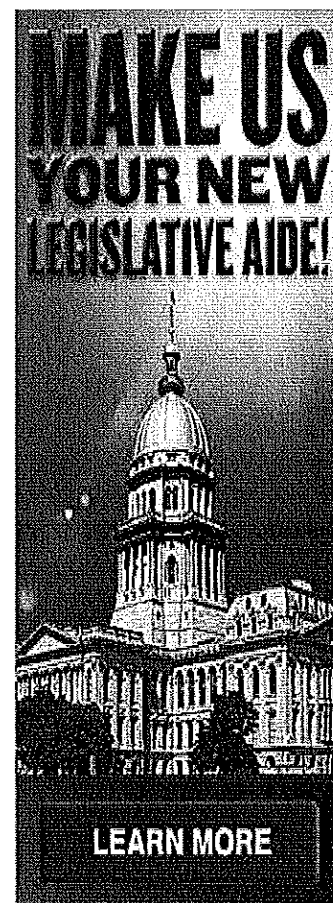
The Social Benefits of Fossil Fuels

This *Policy Brief* by Senior Fellows Joseph Bast and Peter Ferrara documents the many benefits from the historic and still ongoing use of fossil fuels. Fossil fuels are lifting billions of people out of poverty, reducing all the negative effects of poverty on human health, and vastly improving human well-being and safety by powering labor-saving and life-protecting technologies, such as air conditioning, modern medicine, and cars and trucks. Fossil fuels are also dramatically increasing the quantity of food humans produce and improving the reliability of the food supply, directly benefiting human health. Additionally, fossil fuel emissions are contributing to a "Greening of the Earth," benefiting all plants and wildlife.

Budget & Tax

Increasing Vaping Tax Would Hurt New Jerseyans Trying to Quit

In this *Research & Commentary*, Senior Policy Analyst Matthew Glans and State Government Relations Manager Lindsey Stroud examine a new tax on vaping products now under consideration in New Jersey. "Imposing excise taxes on vapor products are not justified from a public health



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perspective, and it removes a prime economic incentive for smokers to improve their health by switching to e-cigarettes," wrote Glans and Stroud.

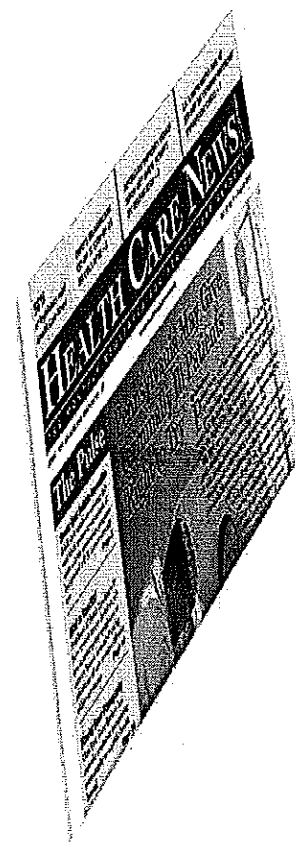
Health Care

Free To Choose Medicine in Japan: A Model for America

In this Heartland *Policy Brief*, Research Director Edward Hudgins examines Japan's efforts to adopt a Free To Choose Medicine model for cutting-edge tissue based cures. Hudgins also explains why Japan's success should encourage lawmakers in the United States to adopt a similar model here. "The United States is the world's leader in medical innovations, but Japan has become the innovative world leader in creating a drug-approval process that quickly makes medical breakthroughs accessible to the patients who need them the most. American policymakers need to learn from the Japanese example to ensure U.S. medical innovators do not lose their competitive edge and that the goal of these innovations is achieved: preventing and curing illnesses," wrote Hudgins.

From Our Free-Market Friends

Illinois Lawmaker Proposes Making Chicago Its Own State
In this piece published by the Illinois Policy Institute, Joe Kaiser writes about Illinois state Rep. Reggie Phillips' proposal urging "Congress to take action to declare the City of Chicago the 51st state." The possibility of Chicago becoming a state was once proposed by state Rep. Bill Mitchell, in 2011. The previous effort proved to be unsuccessful and didn't gain much support, and this new proposal looks as though it will have the same fate, as it was not voted on prior to the end of the legislative session in May. Kaiser makes the argument that "politicians would be better served focusing on reforms to make the entire state competitive, which would eliminate the contention between Chicagoans and those in the rest of the state.



In the June issue of *Health Care News*, Zachary Williams reports on the Trump administration's new proposals to lower prescription drug prices. The proposals feature four pillars: improved competition, better negotiation, incentives for lower list prices, and

reducing out-of-pocket costs.

School Reform News

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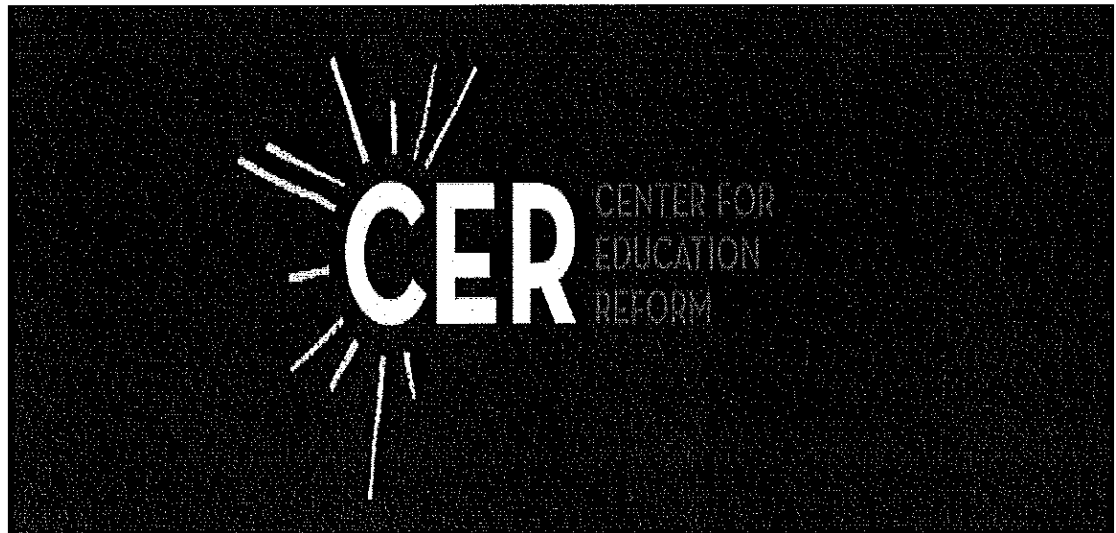
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A weekly report on education news and commentary you won't find anywhere else — from the nation's leading voice on education innovation and opportunity.

AND THE HITS JUST KEEP ON COMIN'. As the unions anxiously await the Supreme Court's decision on *Janus*, the lawsuits keep piling up in lower courts around the country, this time in the U.S. District Court in Camden, NJ where a South Jersey teacher who doesn't want anything to do with the state's largest teachers' union has filed suit saying she shouldn't be forced to "subsidize" the New Jersey Education Association and its activities, arguing that her constitutional rights are being violated by forcing her to pay 'representation fees' as a condition of her employment as a public school teacher "even though Ms. Smith refused to join the teachers' union and does not wish to subsidize the union's activities."

Question.: HOW DO YOU REINVIGORATE THE ECONOMY IN RURAL AMERICA? **Answer: EDUCATION.** When we improve schools, we improve communities. And while multiple efforts exist across the U.S., rural education has been left out of many modern reforms and innovations. CER's been working on this question for a while now, and have settled on one county on the coastal plain of North Carolina to develop our pilot rural education initiative. Earlier this month, we brought together some of our friends in philanthropy, business, policy and EdTech at UNC to talk about the blue sky of what is possible in Robeson County if we break down the silos between K12, higher ed and career and all work together to leverage our unique talents. The result? A shared vision and a broad plan for implementation.

AND WHILE WE'RE ON THE SUBJECT OF EDUCATION IN RURAL AMERICA... "Schools closed. Forever. What happens to a rural town after it loses its only school?" is a somber NY Times feature on the plight of rural schools and points to the desperate need for solutions to this growing national problem.

OPPORTUNITY ABOUNDS. Florida Governor Rick Scott paid a recent visit to Puerto Rico (his seventh since Hurricane Maria) and told Puerto Rico Governor Ricardo Rosselló the island has "an unbelievable opportunity to change the island for the better." At the top of Rosselló's opportunity agenda: education reform — adding charter schools, better leadership and a school voucher program. And with plans for a modernized energy grid and rebuilt infrastructure you can add innovations in education to the plan.

WHAT DO STUDENTS WANT? According to an annual survey by the Washington-D.C.-based College Savings Foundation the majority of high school students who will be entering college over the next three years would like to see more colleges promote education and skills training rather than only offering majors for future employment: 81 percent would like to see colleges offer skills instead of majors; 70 percent would prefer to go to that school; and

63 percent said their career plans were affecting their school choice. According to the foundation for the past four years, the number of students embracing skills-based education has been growing. This year, 36 percent have their sights set on attending a technical school; 28 percent are headed to community college; and 8 percent will attend a vocational school. "Looking at our survey from 2015 to 2018, the number of students planning on going to community college has increased 9 percent," D said the foundation's chair.

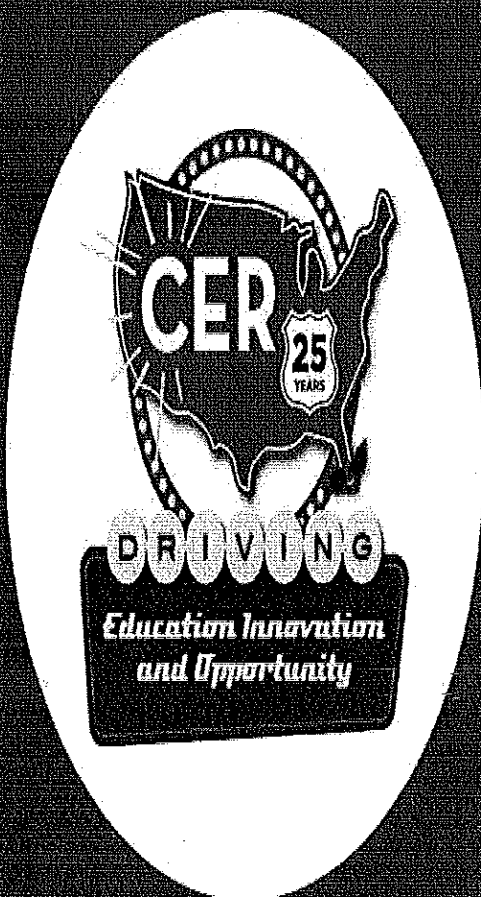
A MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN. An informative and well-reasoned argument in favor of the president's proposed merger of the Departments of Education and Labor by the founder and director Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce, Anthony Carnevale.

"[When] the Education Department was created...two-thirds of jobs required no more than a high school education. Remarkably, 30 percent of good jobs were held by high school dropouts. Now, 55 percent of good jobs require at least a bachelor's degree... There was a time, perhaps, when these departments could stand apart. But no more. At their core, both share the same goal: to create fully functional adults. In a capitalist economy, that means you have to have a job. And in today's world, to get a good job, you need an education... With this combined department, we have an opportunity to realize that education and jobs are inextricably linked."

REALITY CHECK W/JEANNE ALLEN. Many passionate ed reformers and teachers in general come to the profession from other walks of life or different training but Beth Anderson but has been a teacher since 1991 (beginning her career as a Teach for America instructor teaching bilingual kindergartners in LA). Today, she is CEO of the successful and continually innovative Phoenix Charter Academy Network of schools that challenges students with rigorous academics and relentless support. Listen in!

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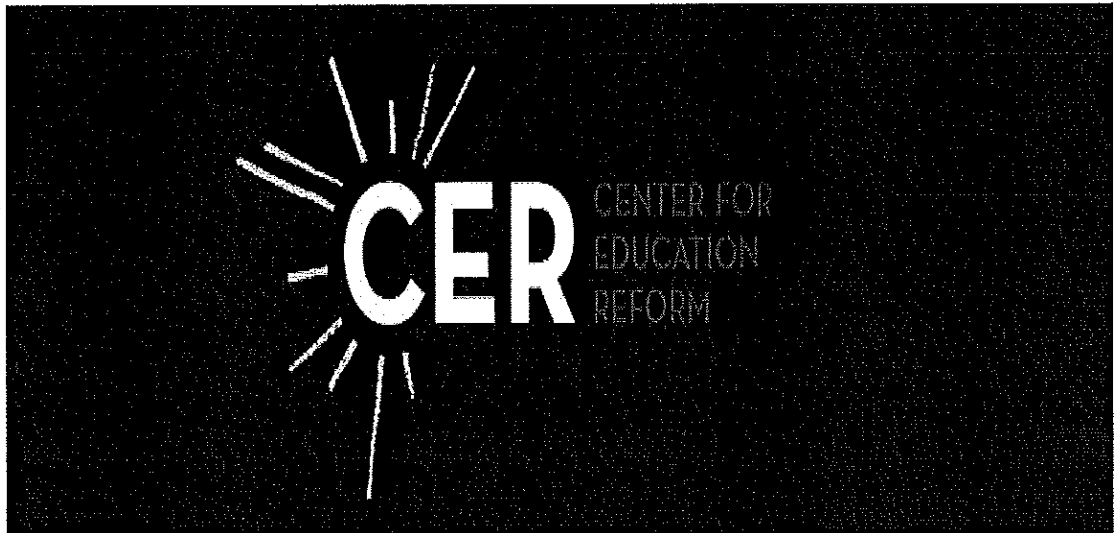
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U.S. Supreme Court Rules in favor of Mark Janus in *Janus v. AFSCME*

Statement by Jeanne Allen, Founder & CEO

It's a great day in Washington, DC! The high court's decision strikes a blow for the freedom guaranteed to individuals under the constitution. No citizen of the United States can be compelled to support speech that he or she does not believe in or endorse, and by upholding that constitutional protection, the court has affirmed a critical principle of freedom.

This is good news for the nation, for thousands of educators who have long been exploited by the teachers unions, and for families whose educational opportunities have been compromised by their political activity. When it comes to education, the most fundamental of all policies that shape our futures, no longer can the union compel people to support activities and positions regardless of principle.

In affirming the position of Mark Janus, the United States Supreme Court finally ends the decades-long assault on worker freedom. While unions, particularly the teachers' unions, have and will continue to decry the ruling, they would do well to look beyond the revenue-generating dollars-and-cents loss that it will entail and see the opportunity that it presents – the opportunity to secure support for their work based not on coercion, but on voluntary support from those who truly believe in the in the ideas, actions and pronouncements of any association to which they now may truly choose to belong.

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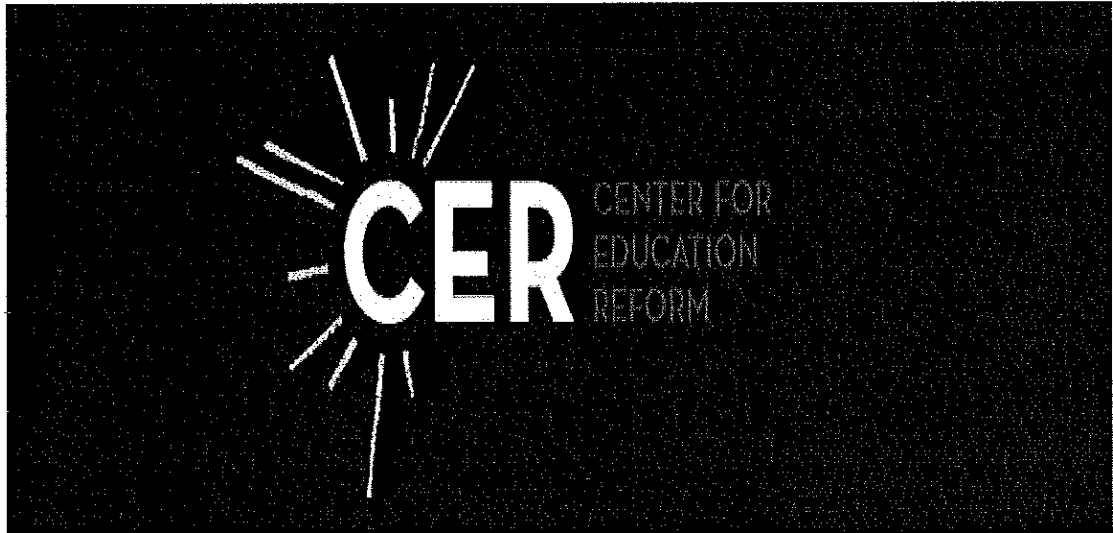
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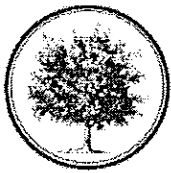
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**The Buckeye Institute's President and CEO Robert Alt:
Janus v. AFSCME Decision a Victory for Workers and First Amendment**

Columbus, OH -- Robert Alt, president and chief executive officer of The Buckeye Institute, issued the following statement on the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Janus v. AFSCME*.

"The Supreme Court today in *Janus v. AFSCME* announced its basic rule of human decency and common sense: consent matters-and our hardworking public-sector workers can no longer be forced to pay for political speech or other activities without their affirmative consent."

The Buckeye Institute also announced the launch of its **WorkersChoose.org** website to assist public-sector workers with information about how to notify their unions about whether they would like to consent or not.

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The Buckeye Institute Files Amicus Brief in Janus Case, December 6, 2017

It's Time for Public Sector Workers to be Given a Voice and Choice, By Robert Alt, *Forbes*, November 27, 2017

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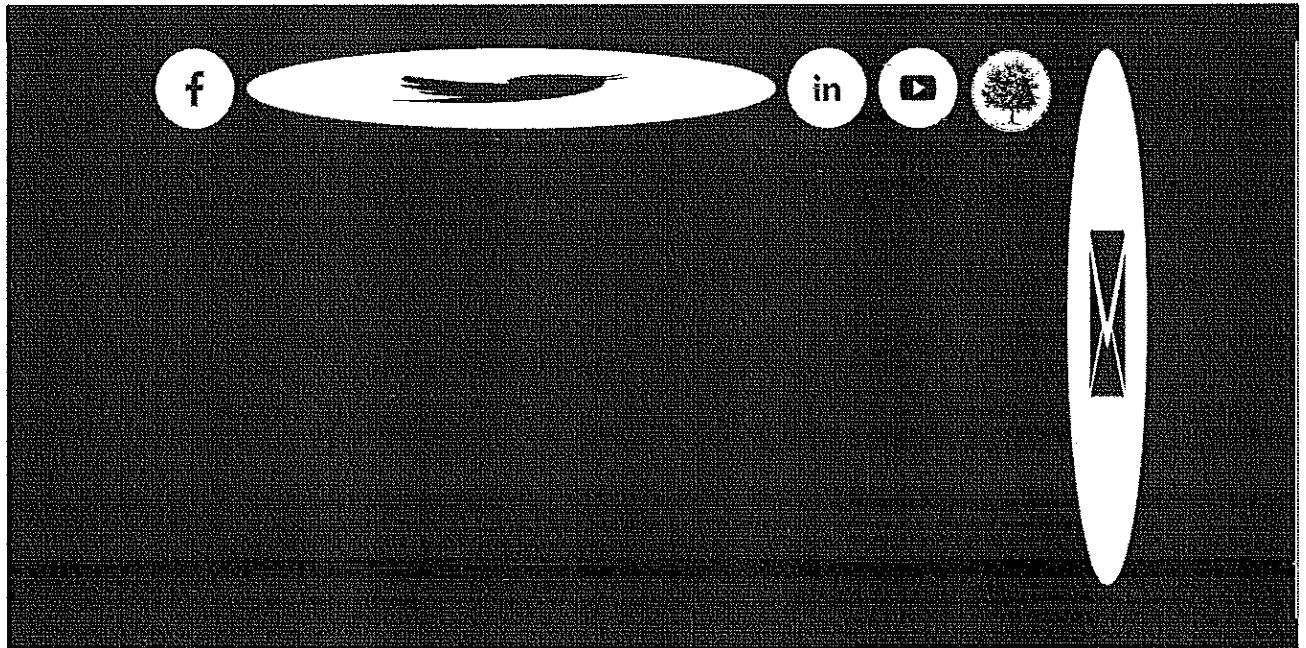
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- Republicans are ramping up the pressure on red-state Democrats up for re-election this year, daring them to oppose President Donald Trump's eventual nominee to replace Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy when he retires in July. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) said yesterday that the Senate will confirm Kennedy's successor this fall. ([The New York Times](#))
- Christopher Wray, the Federal Bureau of Investigation director, and Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein are set to testify before the House Judiciary Committee today about by the Department of Justice's inspector general report that allies of President Donald Trump claim proves bias in the bureau's Russia investigation. Their visit comes after Peter Strzok, a senior FBI agent who wrote text messages criticizing Trump during the 2016

campaign, was questioned in a closed-door session Wednesday.
(Los Angeles Times)

- Trump campaigned last night in Fargo, N.D., where he urged voters to fire Sen. Heidi Heitkamp (D), who he's praised in the past, in November. In his remarks, Trump criticized House Democratic Caucus Chairman Joe Crowley, who lost his primary in New York Tuesday night and said he was happy House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi and California Rep. Maxine Waters would remain the faces of the Democratic Party heading into the midterms. (The Associated Press)

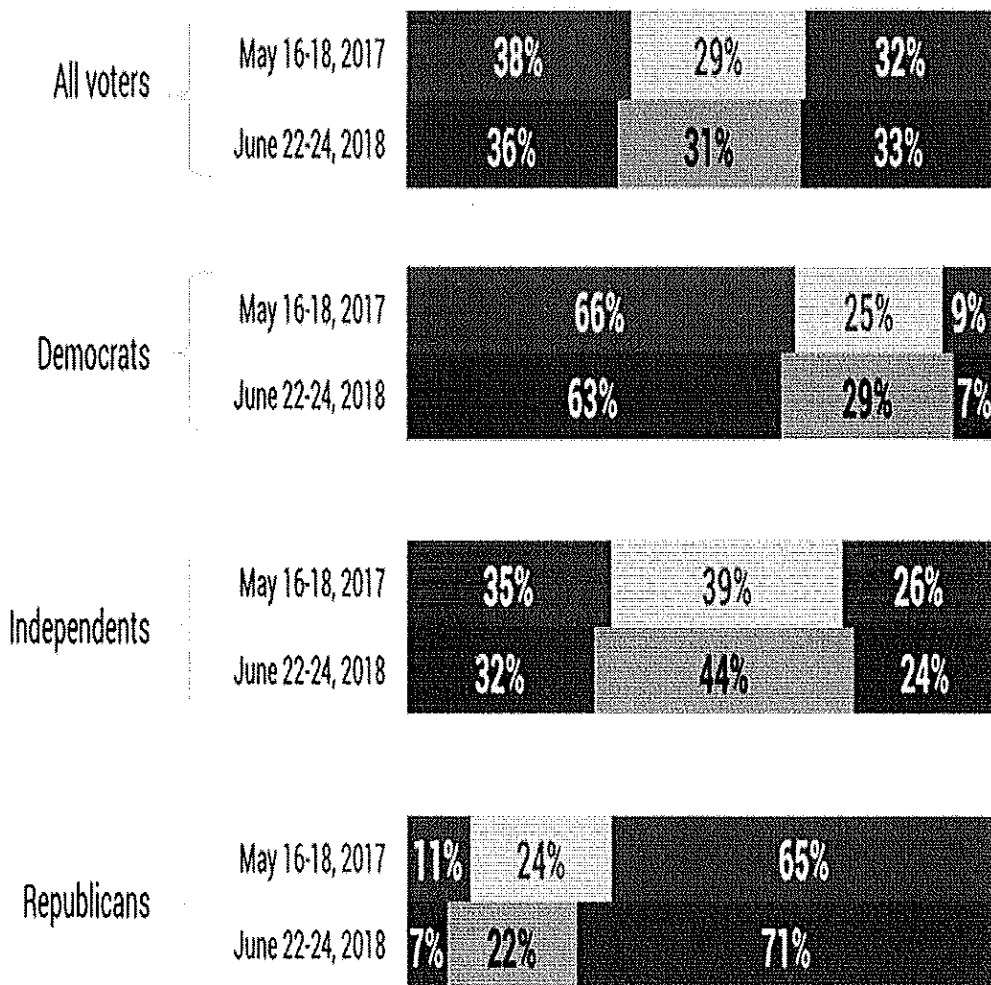
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Republicans More Likely Than Before to Trust Trump Over Political Media
Morning Consult

Trump or the Media? Voters' Trust Still Depends on Their Party

Who do you trust more to tell the truth?

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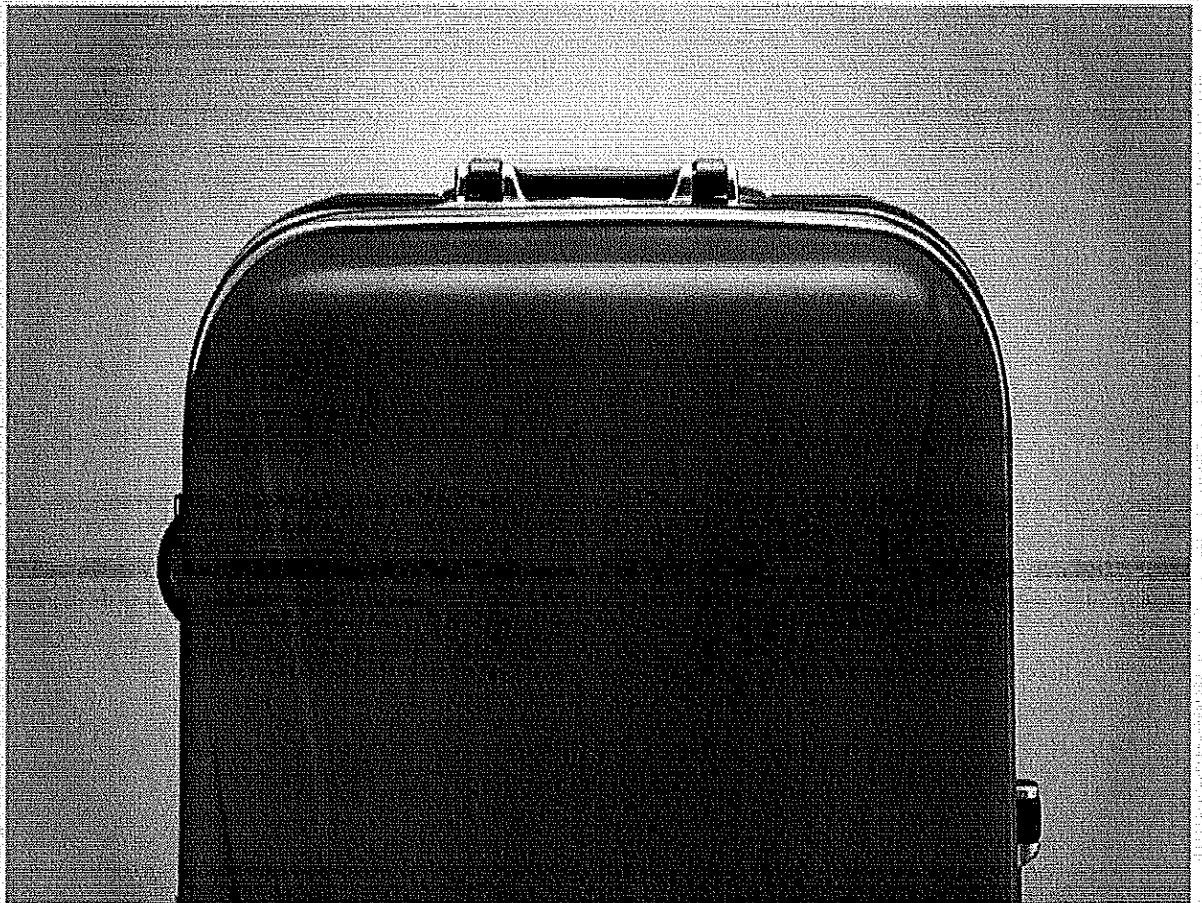
George Mason University the Federalist Society host National Security Symposium 9:30 a.m.

DAG Rosenstein, FBI Director Wray testify at House Judiciary Committee 9:30 a.m.

Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on judicial nominations 10 a.m.

FRIDAY

No events scheduled



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Consumer insights on vacationing, transportation, and accommodation. This report features brand tracking data on airlines, hotels, and more.

General

Manafort had \$10 million loan from Russian oligarch: court filing

Nathan Layne, Reuters

A search warrant application unsealed on Wednesday revealed closer links than previously known between President Donald Trump's former campaign manager Paul Manafort and a Russian oligarch with close ties to the Kremlin. In an affidavit attached to the July 2017 application, an FBI agent said he had reviewed tax returns for a company controlled by Manafort and his wife that showed a \$10 million loan from a Russian lender identified as Oleg Deripaska.

Watchdog closes Zinke threat probe, citing lack of cooperation from Interior

Anthony Adragna, Politico

The GAO said today it couldn't issue an opinion on whether Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke violated the law by reportedly threatening an Alaskan senator in a phone call because the agency didn't cooperate in its probe. Interior acknowledged Zinke phoned Senate Energy Chairwoman Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) and Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska) one day after Murkowski voted against the GOP's legislation to repeal the Affordable Care Act.

Obama expected to hit the campaign trail for Democrats with help from Pelosi and Schumer

Brian Schwartz, CNBC

Former President Barack Obama has been laying low when it comes to taking on President Donald Trump and the Republican Party. That's not going to last much longer.

As U.S. hardens its borders, Canada debates whether to do the same or stand up to Trump

Vera Haller, Los Angeles Times

Gbolahan Banjo says his bisexuality led to ostracism and beatings in his native Nigeria, where same-sex relationships are forbidden. So in early

June, he made his way to a deserted road in upstate New York and walked across the border and into Canada.

Xi Warns Mattis China Won't Surrender 'One Inch' of Territory **Bloomberg**

President Xi Jinping told U.S. Defense Secretary James Mattis he wouldn't give up any territory that China considered its own, an unusually blunt warning as security disputes simmer below a fight over trade. Xi made his remarks while meeting Mattis on Wednesday in Beijing, the first such visit by a U.S. defense chief in more than four years.

Congress snubs White House, won't fund new prison for geriatric inmates at Guantánamo **Carol Rosenberg, McClatchy DC**

In a setback to President Donald Trump's promise to make Guantánamo a permanent detention center, Congress has refused to pay for construction of a new \$69 million prison for the alleged 9/11 plotters and other former CIA captives. Commanders at the prison twice in recent weeks campaigned for the new building in sessions with visiting U.S. journalists.

A Spymaster Steps Out of the Shadows **Mattathias Schwartz, The New York Times**

On June 4, John Brennan, the former C.I.A. director, made the long drive from suburban Virginia to New Jersey. He had plans to dine with his brother and an old high school friend.

Presidential

Trump dubs Heitkamp a 'liberal Democrat,' urges her defeat **Darlene Superville, The Associated Press**

President Donald Trump urged voters Wednesday to fire "liberal Democrat" Sen. Heidi Heitkamp in November, claiming that she promised to be an independent mind but instead has voted in lockstep with her party leadership and against his agenda. Trump called instead for the election of Republican U.S. Rep. Kevin Cramer, one of his staunchest allies in Congress.

Federal officials launch two reviews into Trump's handling of migrant children
Dan Diamond, Politico

The GAO and the Health and Human Services inspector general both launched reviews Wednesday into the Trump administration's handling of thousands of migrant children separated from their families at the border. The GAO told Rep. Frank Pallone (N.J.) that it will audit the systems and processes used to track families as they were separated, including how the HHS Office of Refugee Resettlement monitored each minor in its care, according to a letter obtained by POLITICO.

Donald Trump, Vladimir Putin Expect to Hold July Summit
Peter Nicholas et al., The Wall Street Journal

President Donald Trump said Wednesday he will "most likely" meet with his Russian counterpart, Vladimir Putin, in a summit next month in Europe. The president is scheduled to attend a North Atlantic Treaty Organization summit next month in Brussels and is also planning to visit the U.K.

As Summit Nears, NATO Allies Have One Main Worry: Trump
Steven Erlanger, The New York Times

NATO has been preparing for its July summit meeting for a year now, but there is one wild card: President Trump. Nobody knows which president will show up - the truculent one railing about inadequate military

spending by the allies or the boastful one taking credit for recent spending increases.

Senate

Kennedy Retirement Injects an Inflammatory New Issue Into Midterms

Jonathan Martin et al., The New York Times

Supreme Court Justice Anthony M. Kennedy's announcement on Wednesday that he would retire this summer immediately thrust the high court to the center of the battle for control of the Senate, with Republicans daring red-state Democrats to oppose the nominee to replace Justice Kennedy, and Democrats warning that a rush to seat a new justice before the election would further galvanize moderate and liberal voters. With the Republican majority already on a 51-49 knife's edge, senators and strategists from both parties said the clash over the balance of the Supreme Court would immediately overwhelm a campaign that to date had largely revolved around President Trump's conduct and issues surrounding the economy, immigration and health care.

Senators Quickly Pivot to SCOTUS Confirmation Mode

Jason Dick and John T. Bennett, Roll Call

Senate Republican leaders on Wednesday quickly laid out the game plan for confirming a replacement for retiring Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy, wasting no time in stating they intended to confirm a new justice before the fall elections and flatly claiming there was literally nothing Democrats could do to delay that. "The Senate stands ready to fulfill its constitutional role by offering advice and consent on President Trump's nominee to fill this vacancy. We will vote to confirm Justice Kennedy's successor this fall," Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said on the floor just minutes after the news of Kennedy's retirement broke.

Senate farm bill stalled by Rubio's Cuba crusade **Liz Crampton and Catherine Boudreau, Politico**

Senate leadership's goal of holding a floor vote on the farm bill this week is now in doubt, as key farm-state lawmakers work to resolve a new demand from Sen. Marco Rubio over a provision that would promote agricultural trade with Cuba. The Florida Republican on Wednesday declared on Twitter that he'd block any new amendments to the farm bill unless the Senate votes to strike a provision that would allow USDA funding for foreign market development programs to be spent in Cuba - or until senators adopt his proposal to ban U.S. taxpayer dollars from being spent on businesses owned by the Cuban military.

VA Nominee Faces Questions on Role in Jesse Helms Races **Ben Kesling, The Wall Street Journal**

President Donald Trump's nominee to head the Department of Veterans Affairs has been preparing for his Senate confirmation hearing Wednesday by meeting with lawmakers in recent weeks to explain his views and his 30-year career in government as well as fielding questions about any role he has played in racially-charged politics. Robert Wilkie, a lawyer and Air Force Reserve officer currently serving as a Pentagon undersecretary in the latest of his decades of government and defense contracting posts, differs from many of the Washington outsiders usually preferred by Mr. Trump.

House

Rosenstein and FBI chief will testify today in the House on alleged FBI bias in Russia probe **Chris Megerian, Los Angeles Times**

As President Trump continues to rage against the Russia investigation clouding his administration, House Republicans are calling in top law enforcement officials for questioning and are escalating their demands for sensitive documents about the case. Deputy Atty. Gen. Rod

Rosenstein and FBI Director Christopher Wray, both of whom were appointed by Trump, are scheduled to testify Thursday before the House Judiciary Committee about a recent Justice Department inspector general report that White House allies claim proves bias among FBI investigators in the Russia probe.

Embattled FBI agent meets with Congress behind closed doors in 11-hour marathon

Jeremy Herb et al., CNN

Embattled FBI agent Peter Strzok told lawmakers Wednesday in a marathon, closed-door interview that the anti-Trump text messages he exchanged with an FBI lawyer were part of an "intimate" conversation and he did not intend to act on any of the missives, according to Democrats in the meeting. But Republicans argued that Strzok's claims about the messages after the fact were simply not credible, and one lawmaker claimed to have learned new information from his interview Tuesday with the House Oversight and Judiciary Committees.

Pelosi's path to speakership gets even harder
Heather Caygle and John Bresnahan, Politico

Rep. Joe Crowley's stunning loss on Tuesday night to a first-time candidate makes this crystal clear: Nancy Pelosi's path back to the speaker's chair is getting more narrow by the day. But it may not ease the route for the leaders directly below her either.

'Defining moment.' Activists say it's time for leadership change in the Democratic Party

Alex Roarty, McClatchy DC

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez is young, Latina, and boldly progressive - in other words, everything the Democratic Party's leadership is not. The party's activists are ready for that to change.

States

Potentially expanding his executive power, Gov. Greg Abbott orders agency heads to run proposed rules by him first **Emma Platoff, The Texas Tribune**

In a move that could expand the powers of his office, Gov. Greg Abbott has told Texas state agencies to submit proposed new rules to him before they are made available for public comment. Citing the "success of regulatory review at the federal level," Abbott's office wrote in a June 22 letter obtained by The Texas Tribune that his staff would review policies before they're published in the Texas Register, much as presidents do at the national level.

New York Attorney General Probes T-Mobile-Sprint Deal's Impact on Prepaid Services **Sarah Krouse and Corinne Ramey, The Wall Street Journal**

The New York attorney general's office is investigating how T-Mobile US Inc.'s \$26 billion deal to buy Sprint Corp. could impact competition in the pay-as-you-go wireless market, according to people familiar with the matter. Representatives from the state attorney general's office have contacted companies that sell prepaid phone services in recent weeks with questions about pricing and customers, the people said.

Judge again orders Trump voter fraud commission to give documents to Maine's secretary of state **Eric Russell, Portland Press Herald**

A federal judge has for the second time ordered the Trump administration to turn over documents to Maine Secretary of State Matthew Dunlap related to his participation on a presidential commission on voting integrity. The order, issued Wednesday by U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly in Washington, D.C., rejects the commission's contention that Dunlap is no longer entitled to any documents now that the commission is dissolved.

As they voted in Democratic primary, many Marylanders appeared inclined to back Hogan this fall.
Steve Thompson and Fenit Nirappil, The Washington Post

Dwight Hunter is tired of hearing about President Trump. Doesn't want to think about him. And like most Democrats, wishes his presidency were already over.

Advocacy

Inside Facebook and Twitter's secret meetings with Trump aides and conservative leaders who say tech is biased
Tony Romm, The Washington Post

Twitter and Facebook are scrambling to assuage conservative leaders who have sounded alarms - and sought to rile voters - with accusations that the country's tech giants are censoring right-leaning posts, tweets and news. From secret dinners with conservative media elite to private meetings with the Republican National Committee, the new outreach reflects tech giants' delicate task: satisfying a party in power while defending online platforms against attacks that threaten to undermine the public's trust in the Web.

Koch Network Plans To Spend Millions Backing Trump's Court Pick
Kevin Robillard, HuffPost

The powerful Koch network of conservative megadonors plans to spend seven figures backing President Donald Trump's Supreme Court pick if he nominates a candidate similar to Justice Neil Gorsuch to replace the retiring Anthony Kennedy, a network official said Wednesday. "Faced with a vacancy on the highest court, we encourage President Trump to build on that success by nominating a Supreme Court Justice in the spirit of Justice Neil Gorsuch - a nominee who will respect the rule of law, interpret the Constitution as written, and not seek to advance a political

agenda," said Sarah Field, the vice president for judicial strategy at conservative advocacy group Americans for Prosperity.

Opinions, Editorials and Perspectives

With Kennedy Gone, Justice Must Be Won at the Ballot Box **The Editorial Board, The New York Times**

If the last few days hadn't been dispiriting enough for those who believed the Supreme Court could still stand for reproductive freedom, equal rights for all Americans, a check on presidential power, a more humane criminal justice system and so much more, Wednesday afternoon brought the coup de grâce. Everyone knew it was coming sooner than later, but Justice Anthony Kennedy's retirement, which he announced in a letter released hours after the court had issued its final rulings of the term, is still crushing.

Kennedy's retirement opens a void at the court's center **Editorial Board, The Washington Post**

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy's 30-year career on the Supreme Court was a historical accident. President Ronald Reagan's first choice to replace retiring Justice Lewis F. Powell Jr. in 1987 was Judge Robert H. Bork, a cerebral but overly doctrinaire conservative; his nomination failed by a 58-to-42 vote in the Senate.

The Supreme Court's Banner Year **The Editorial Board, The Wall Street Journal**

The Supreme Court concluded a blockbuster term on Wednesday with a landmark ruling upholding the First Amendment rights of public workers. Justice Neil Gorsuch's first term on the Court and Anthony Kennedy's last turned out to be a banner year for constitutional liberties. The Court saved its most anticipated decision for last as a 5-4 majority in *Janus v. Afsome* overturned the Court's flawed 1977 *Abood* decision that

allowed states to require workers who don't belong to a union to pay "agency fees" to support collective bargaining.

Analysis: Where Do We Go From Here?
Stuart Rothenberg, Roll Call

On Monday evening, Judy Woodruff asked me and USA Today's Susan Page on the "PBS NewsHour" how the country moves forward from its current state of division. I didn't have a good answer.

Research Reports and Polling

Sixty-Two Percent View Planned Parenthood Favorably
Jim Norman, Gallup

Sixty-two percent of Americans hold a favorable opinion of Planned Parenthood, the powerful pro-choice group whose high-profile role in the abortion debate has thrust it into the news once again this month. President Donald Trump and Republican congressional leaders are attempting to cut off federal funding for the organization because of its role as a major provider of abortions across the nation.



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States cracking down on streaming video while driving

USA TODAY

Georgia isn't the only state to single out streaming as a new danger. A Washington state law, the Driving Under the Influence of Electronics Act, in January was the first to specifically mention video on phones. It even makes it illegal for Washington drivers to sneak a peek at their smartphone when stopped in traffic or at a stoplight, though they can touch a mounted or in-dash screen.

NCSL's Annie Kitch quoted.

[NCSL resources on distracted driving.](#)

'Now comes the interesting part' with online sales tax collections

Route Fifty

The court ruling in *South Dakota v. Wayfair, Inc.* has



also left complicated questions in its wake. Like what the specifics of new state policies could look like, whether Congress will take action, and how companies that sell goods online will react. **NCSL's Max Behlke** quoted.

Maine legislature passes sweeping medical marijuana reform bill

Portland Press Herald

The bill, which now goes to Gov. Paul LePage, would let caregivers expand their business operations. For example, they could hire more than one worker, and sell up to 30 percent of their harvest to other caregivers and dispensaries.

[NCSL resources on medical marijuana.](#)

Ohio legislature passes blockchain legislation

Cleveland.com

Ohio is close to becoming the latest state to offer legal support for blockchain-based business transactions, following a Wednesday vote by the state's General Assembly.

[NCSL LegisBrief on blockchain technology.](#)

South Carolina lawmakers OK rate cuts for failed nuclear plants

Associated Press

South Carolina lawmakers have approved a temporary rate cut of nearly 15 percent for customers of a private utility who paid billions for two nuclear reactors that never produced power.

Webinar 3 p.m. ET TODAY Federal infrastructure funding - an update while we wait

One of the most talked-about possibilities for federal action in 2018 is a new infrastructure bill that aims to inject what nearly all experts agree is a significant boost of funds for many of our national infrastructure systems.



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Supreme Court deals blow to unions in Janus case

The U.S. Supreme Court held 5-4 in *Janus v. AFSCME* that state statutes allowing public sector employers and unions to agree that employees who don't join the union must still pay their

Commercial spaceports still waiting for liftoff

Stateline

Communities are eager to tap into the growing commercial space industry.

"fair share" of collective bargaining costs violate the First Amendment.



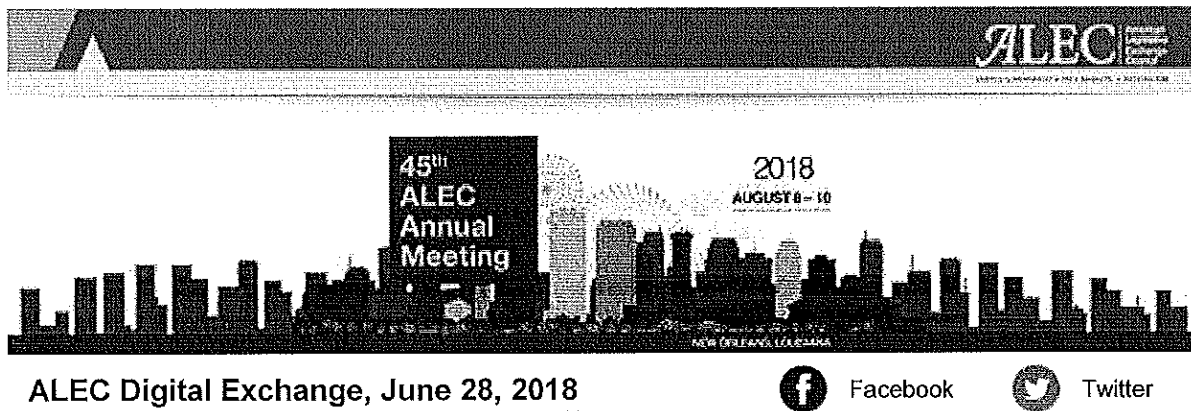
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ALEC Statement on *Janus v. AFSCME* Decision

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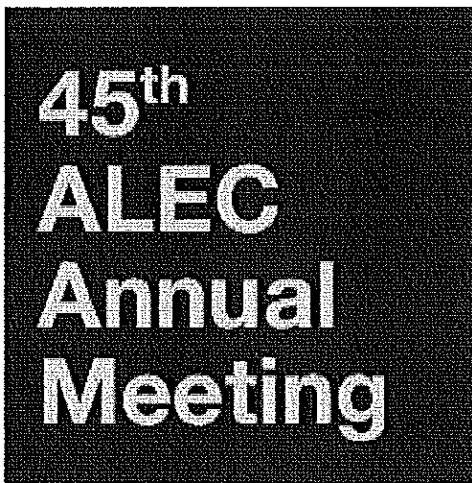
Yesterday, the Supreme Court released its decision in *Janus v. AFSCME*, which concerns the mandatory collection of union fees. Click below to see the ALEC statement on the decision and to see why it represents a victory for free speech.

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ALEC 45th Annual Meeting

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Registration is currently open for the 45th ALEC Annual Meeting. The meeting will take place **August 8-10 in New Orleans, Louisiana**. Don't miss your opportunity to hear from Secretary of Transportation **Elaine Chao** and other top policymakers. To register or learn more about the meeting, follow the link below.

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Free Speech

ALEC-Influenced Free Speech Legislation Becomes Law in Louisiana

Corbin Robinson and Shelby Emmett | Center to Protect Free Speech



Louisiana recently took a step in the right direction to protect the First Amendment rights of individuals on public university and college campuses. Legislators wishing to follow in Louisiana's footsteps can find a positive starting point in the American Legislative Exchange Council's model policy: the Forming Open and Robust University Minds (FORUM) Act.

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ALEC-FreedomWorks Legislator of the Week

Finding Solutions in Ohio

Rep. Bill Seitz | OH-30



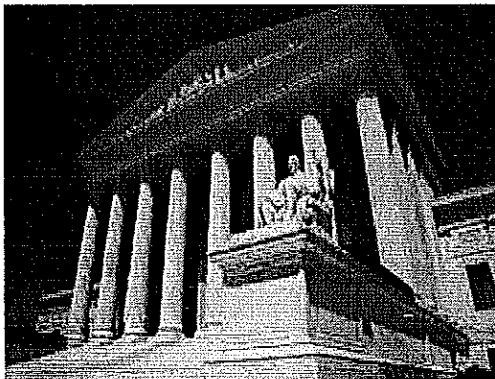
This week, ALEC and Freedomworks introduce **Ohio Representative Bill Seitz** as this week's Legislator of the Week. Representative Seitz has served in both houses of the Ohio Legislature and is familiar with the issues facing his state. Of particular importance to Representative Seitz are prison overcrowding, combatting the opioid epidemic and the development of a comprehensive energy policy for Ohio.

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Supreme Court

Single Retirement May Change Balance of Power on the Supreme Court

Ronald J. Lampard | Criminal Justice

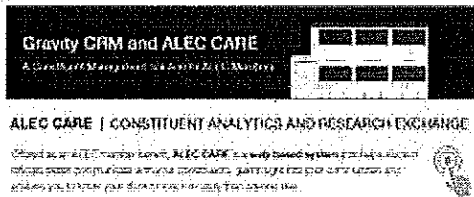


Yesterday, Justice Anthony Kennedy announced his retirement, effective July 31. With the upcoming midterm elections, both Democrats and Republicans will seek to rally their respective bases as the nomination process of Kennedy's successor moves forward.

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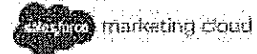


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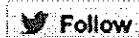
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KENNEDY RETIRES

Analysis

Roberts Becomes True Power As 'Kennedy Court' Ends

The retirement of Justice Anthony Kennedy means that Chief Justice John Roberts is now the U.S. Supreme Court's most important member not just in title but also in reality, empowering him to advance a muscular conservative agenda and perhaps broker deals with outgunned liberals. [Read more »](#)

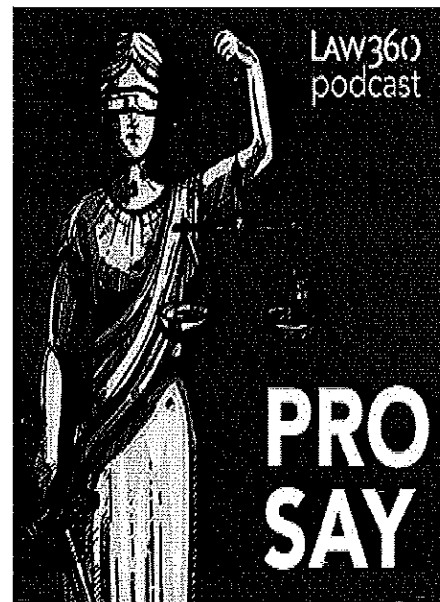
Delay On Kennedy Replacement 'Ain't Going To Happen': GOP

High-ranking Republicans on the Senate Judiciary Committee stood firm Thursday on keeping Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's promise to vote this fall on a replacement for retiring U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy, with one saying Democrats' calls to wait until after the November midterms "ain't going to happen." [Read more »](#)

Analysis

Why The Defense Bar Celebrates Kennedy

Associate Justice Anthony Kennedy spent his three decades on the high court making a name for himself as a champion of individual freedoms, but he also authored the majority opinion in *Ashcroft v. Iqbal* that changed



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Analysis

Post-Kennedy Court Likely To Take Narrow View Of Title VII

A circuit split on whether Title VII's ban on workplace sex discrimination includes bias based on sexual orientation had civil rights advocates hoping the U.S. Supreme Court would eventually declare that federal law protects gay workers, but Justice Anthony Kennedy's retirement means that's a long shot, experts say. [Read more »](#)

Analysis

Kennedy's Exit Puts Climate Change Regulations On Thin Ice

The retirement of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy throws the future of federal climate change action into doubt, as experts say a more conservative high court could not only undo or neuter its landmark decision that greenhouse gases are pollutants, but also scuttle legal challenges of governmental decisions to regulate climate change and other environmental hazards. [Read more »](#)

Analysis

Kennedy Known For Careful Scrutiny Of Statutory Language

Retiring Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy is known — and will be missed — for his meticulous scrutiny of the language of the law, a characteristic that can be found in abundance in a 2008 majority opinion written by Kennedy that placed limits on who could be held liable in securities fraud class action cases, legal experts said Thursday. [Read more »](#)

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Cases at the U.S. Supreme Court this term over President Donald Trump's travel ban and a baker's refusal to make a wedding cake for a gay couple involved strikingly similar claims related to religious-based animus, but ultimately diverged because the justices chose not to second-guess the president's motives, constitutional scholars said. [Read more »](#)

Analysis

Nixing Trump's Favorite Trade Weapon Looks Like Long Shot

A new challenge to the expansive Cold War-era law President Donald Trump has used to slap tariffs on steel and aluminum imports will face a steep uphill climb, legal experts say, as the case will have to overcome nearly a century's worth of precedent on the constitutional separation of powers. [Read more »](#)

Senate Panel Punts On 3rd, 11th Circ. Picks Over Tariffs

The Senate Judiciary Committee advanced several district court picks on Thursday, even as Sen. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., has continued to stonewall advancing nominees for the Third and Eleventh circuits until the chamber votes on a tariff measure. [Read more »](#)

Senate Passes Farm Bill, Sets Up Clash With House

The U.S. Senate passed a five-year overhaul and reauthorization of farm subsidy and nutrition support programs Thursday, setting up a clash with the House over work requirements for the food stamp program. [Read more »](#)

BANKING & SECURITIES

Deutsche Bank Unit Comes Up Short In Fed Stress Tests

The Federal Reserve Board said Thursday that Deutsche Bank Trust Corp.'s U.S. subsidiary has flunked the latest round of annual stress

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testing over "material weaknesses" in its capital planning practices, while The Goldman Sachs Group Inc. and Morgan Stanley will have to keep buybacks and dividends steady because of side effects from last year's tax legislation. [Read more »](#)

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL

FERC Commissioner Powelson To Step Down In August

Federal Energy Regulatory Commissioner Robert Powelson said Thursday he will step down in August, creating an even partisan split at the commission as it tackles weighty issues such as a pipeline policy revision and a potential U.S. Department of Energy bailout of coal and nuclear power plants. [Read more »](#)

Agencies Fight Tribes' Bid To Force Higher Lake Water Levels

Several federal agencies on Wednesday urged a California federal judge to reject the Klamath Tribes' request to immediately make the government maintain certain water levels in the Upper Klamath Lake for the protection of two fish species, arguing that the tribes are unlikely to win the case. [Read more »](#)

NJ Town Joins Growing Resistance To Plastic Bags

Jersey City, New Jersey, enacted an environmentally friendly ordinance Thursday banning merchants from using carryout bags made of plastic, following the lead of other Garden State towns that have identical laws in place and state lawmakers who want to curb the use of nonrecyclable takeout containers. [Read more »](#)

IP & TECHNOLOGY

Senate Panel Advances Bill To Overhaul Music Licensing

The Senate Judiciary Committee moved forward Thursday with a bill that would

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overhaul how Spotify and other online music services pay royalties, as well as how license holders for pre-1972 hits are compensated. [Read more »](#)

MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT

Pa. Casinos Threaten To Sue Over Slot-Style Lottery Games

The operators of Pennsylvania's casinos are threatening a lawsuit over new online lottery offerings from the state that they say violate recently adopted gambling laws by improperly replicating casino-style games. [Read more »](#)

REAL ESTATE

NJ City Accused Of Anti-Trump Bias In Kushner Project Fight

Jersey City has been slammed with a New Jersey federal lawsuit alleging municipal officials have attempted to drive out the real estate development firm owned by the family of White House senior adviser Jared Kushner as a partner in a redevelopment project because of the mayor's "political animus" toward Republican President Donald Trump. [Read more »](#)

EMPLOYMENT

4 Post-Janus Developments You Need To Know

Although the ink is barely dry on the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark Janus decision barring public-sector unions from collecting so-called fair share fees from workers, the ruling has spurred quick actions to handle the fallout, including from congressional Democrats, nearly two dozen mayors and a right-to-work nonprofit. Here, Law360 looks at four post-Janus developments to keep tabs on. [Read more »](#)

NJ Agency Must Turn Over Complaints In Racial Bias Suit

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Oculus VR LLC
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Schlumberger Limited
Service Employees International Union
Sierra Club
Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc.
Spectrum Management Holding Co.
Spotify Technology SA
State Street Corp.
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Theranos Inc.

A New Jersey appeals court on Wednesday ordered two state agencies to turn over bias complaints in a racial discrimination suit against the agencies, ruling that the state's concerns about the privacy of employees who made those complaints were unfounded. Read more »

Mass. Gov. Signs Family Leave, Minimum Wage Bill

Republican Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker on Thursday signed legislation that will gradually raise the state's minimum wage, implement a family and medical leave policy and make a sales tax holiday permanent, according to his office. Read more »

COMPETITION

FCC Urged To Halt Sinclair-Tribune Deal Over Rules Review

Nonprofit groups Public Knowledge and Common Cause on Thursday told the Federal Communications Commission to wait before deciding if Sinclair Broadcast Group Inc. can merge with Tribune Media Co. until after the D.C. Circuit has looked at whether the agency's viewership discounts under its UHF rule are lawful. Read more »

CYBERSECURITY & PRIVACY

DC Circ. Expects Quick Response To Kaspersky's Stay Bid

The D.C. Circuit on Thursday gave the federal government a little more than a week to respond to an emergency request to stay a planned ban on federal contracts for Kaspersky Lab, after the company argued the government had moved up the effective date of the ban. Read more »

Calif. Enacts Internet Privacy Law, Erasing Ballot Effort

California Gov. Jerry Brown on Thursday signed a landmark privacy bill that will give

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Twitter Inc.

Verizon Communications Inc.

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GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

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International Trade Administration

International Trade Commission

Klamath Tribes

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NATO

National Marine Fisheries Service

New Jersey Attorney General's Office

Port Authority of New York & New Jersey

consumers the ability to control how online companies use and share their personal information and to request its deletion, prompting the backers of a similar but potentially more stringent privacy initiative set to appear on the November election ballot to withdraw their proposal. [Read more »](#)

AEROSPACE & DEFENSE

House Passes \$675B Defense Spending Bill

The U.S. House of Representatives on Thursday easily passed its nearly \$675 billion bill funding the U.S. Department of Defense for 2019, while rejecting a proposal to add more funding for attack submarines, as a Senate panel approved its own version of the bill. [Read more »](#)

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Commerce Hands Down Early Tariffs On Asian Pipe Imports

The U.S. Department of Commerce moved to slap tariffs on imports of large-diameter welded pipes from several Asian countries, determining that producers from India, South Korea, China and Turkey had been unfairly subsidized by their respective governments. [Read more »](#)

TAX

IRS Commissioner Nominee Queried On Pass-Through Deduction

Charles Rettig, nominee for Internal Revenue Service commissioner, was questioned Thursday by a member of the Senate Finance Committee about the 20 percent deduction for certain pass-through income included in last year's federal tax overhaul legislation. [Read more »](#)

Calif. Gov. OKs Soda Tax Ban, Citing Beverage Biz Threat

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U.S. Department of Homeland Security

U.S. Department of Justice

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

U.S. House of Representatives

U.S. Senate

U.S. Supreme Court

California Gov. Jerry Brown on Thursday signed a measure that blocks cities and counties from enacting taxes on soda and other sugar-filled drinks through 2030, citing the threat of a beverage industry ballot measure that went away with the swipe of his pen. [Read more »](#)

IMMIGRATION

Senate OKs Bill To Grant New Zealanders Access To E Visas

The U.S. Senate on Thursday unanimously passed a bill that would add New Zealand to the list of countries participating in the E-visa program, which allows nationals of certain foreign countries to temporarily reside in the U.S. to conduct trade and investment operations. [Read more »](#)

Feds Ordered To Halt Release Policy For NY Detained Minors

A New York federal court on Wednesday ordered the federal government to pause its policy requiring the head of an immigration agency to personally review and sign off on the release of detained minors who have been held in a more restrictive setting, certifying a class of children held in the state. [Read more »](#)

Trump's Remarks Did Not 'Taint' DACA Rollback, 9th Circ. Told

The Trump administration on Thursday urged the Ninth Circuit to find that, under the U.S. Supreme Court's travel ban ruling earlier this week, President Donald Trump's derogatory statements on the campaign trail regarding Mexicans similarly "did not taint" the administration's plan to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. [Read more »](#)

Pro Bono Spotlight

BigLaw Jumps Into Immigration Fray

In response to the administration's zero-tolerance and family separation policies,

BigLaw firms across the country are partnering with each other and a constellation of nonprofits to provide pro bono legal aid to parents and children seeking to be reunited and be granted asylum. [Read more »](#)

NATIVE AMERICAN

Law Enforcement Can't Stop Wash. Tribe's Fireworks Sales

A Washington federal court on Thursday granted a request by the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation for immediate relief to prevent law enforcement from halting their members from selling fireworks sanctioned by tribal permit or confiscating the merchandise. [Read more »](#)

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

FCC's O'Rielly Says Admin Hearings Wrongly Kill Mergers

The Federal Communications Commission's administrative law judge system is one of the easiest ways to strangle a proposed media merger, Commissioner Michael O'Rielly suggested Thursday, saying in a speech that the agency's in-house review process should be scrapped. [Read more »](#)

Municipal Broadband May Present Free Speech Concerns

While municipally operated broadband networks may be an attractive option after the recent net neutrality rule deregulation, an expert warned Thursday that government-run networks can raise free speech concerns. [Read more »](#)

Rosenworcel Offers San Jose Small Cell Deals As 5G Model

Federal Communications Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel is promoting contracts approved by the city of San Jose, California, for the deployment of 5G next generation broadband as a solution to

conflicts between carriers' need for access to utility poles with local governments' demand to control the terms of telecom attachments.

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Microsoft Urges Limited 'White Spaces' Spectrum Program

Microsoft Corp. has urged the Federal Communications Commission to preserve the status quo on its "white spaces" project, a plan to repurpose gaps between channels to power Wi-Fi-like signals in rural areas, which has proven to be controversial with groups that have complained the tech giant never participated in auctions and therefore isn't entitled to spectrum. [Read more »](#)

EXPERT ANALYSIS

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From Lawmaker To Lawyer: Prioritizing Is Always Key

Today, members of Congress often seem able to blame colleagues of the other party for not getting anything done for their constituents. In law practice, you can't really blame a bad result for your clients on the lawyers on the other side, says former Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., of Kasowitz Benson Torres LLP. [Read more »](#)

The E-Sign Act: 18 Years And All Grown Up

As the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act — signed by President Bill Clinton on June 30, 2000 — reaches the age of maturity after being tested in the courts, and as more employers adopt or broaden their use of electronic signatures, now is a good time to review the basic requirements and lessons learned from the developing case law, says August Heckman of Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP. [Read more »](#)

Trump V. Hawaii Left To The 'Moral Judgments Of History'

In *Trump v. Hawaii*, the U.S. Supreme Court recently found that Congress “delegated” to the president the “*5* 0comprehensive” power to suspend the entry of any noncitizens whose admission he found “detrimental” to American interests. The crux of the majority’s decision: No fig leaves here, says Joseph Tartakovsky, the James Wilson fellow in constitutional law at the Claremont Institute. [Read more »](#)

After Janus, Employers Should Proceed With Caution

The long-awaited decision in *Janus v. AFSCME* was the second within a month in which the U.S. Supreme Court ruled against unions, putting employers in a strong position at the bargaining table. But if employers appear too eager to exploit the moment, they risk facing a backlash, say Jack Schaedel and Christian Scali of Scali Rasmussen. [Read more »](#)

What You Should Know About The 24/7 Cybercrime Network

The CLOUD Act raises the possibility of agreements between the U.S. and EU on law enforcement access to digital evidence, and the EU’s proposed “e-evidence” regulation would streamline law enforcement access to data among its 28 member states. These two actions will greatly change the way that the G7’s 24/7 Cybercrime Network operates, says Chris Ott of Davis Wright Tremaine LLP. [Read more »](#)

IRS Delivers Double Whammy To Owners Of Escheated IRAs

Custodians of individual retirement accounts that escheat to the state will soon be required by the IRS to withhold 10 percent for federal income tax and report the escheatment as a taxable distribution to the owner. It is unclear whether the new rules provide any relief from the taxes and penalties these IRA owners may

face, says Daniel Morgan of Blank Rome LLP.
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LEGAL INDUSTRY

Paul Hastings, Cadwalader Move On Associate Pay Raises

Cadwalader Wickersham & Taft LLP, Paul Hastings LLP and Thompson & Knight LLP were among the firms that said they would be joining the trend of hiking salaries and offering mid-year bonuses for associates, according to internal memos made public on Thursday.
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Sedgwick Faces New, \$23M Landlord Suit Over NY Lease

The owner of the building that housed Sedgwick LLP's New York financial district office said the now-defunct law firm missed a payment related to the early termination of its lease and, as a result of the breach of contract, owes \$23 million, according to a suit filed in state court just days after the landlords of its Chicago office made similar claims. [Read more »](#)

Foley Hoag Extends 18-Week Leave Policy To All Parents

Foley Hoag LLP has announced that it is implementing a new parental leave policy that offers up to 18 weeks off in the 12 months after the birth or adoption of a child for all parents, regardless of whether they are the primary caregiver or not. [Read more »](#)

V&E Attys Hurt In Boat Crash, Partner Pilot Faces Questions

A Vinson & Elkins LLP partner was hit with an arrest warrant earlier this month over his alleged role piloting a boat that crashed in Travis County, Texas, injuring three of his fellow partners, according to documents filed in state court, though the warrant has reportedly since been rescinded. [Read more »](#)

Law360's Weekly Verdict: Legal Lions & Lambs

Williams & Connolly LLP partner Kannon Shanmugam landed on the legal lions list after the U.S. Supreme Court granted review on three of his cases during the past week, while attorneys at Haynes and Boone and Skadden ended up legal lambs after a judge slashed client ZeniMax's \$500 million intellectual property verdict in half. [Read more »](#)

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Landmark Labor Decision by United States Supreme Court

By Julie T. Bittner - Partner, West De Moines, IA

In this week's landmark decision, the United States Supreme Court ruled that government workers who choose not to join a union cannot be charged for the cost of collective bargaining. Justice Samuel Alito wrote the majority opinion and the court's conservative justices joined. [View case here.](#)

In *Janus v. American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Council 31, et al.*, the Petitioner Mark Janus was an Illinois state employee whose unit is represented by a public-sector union. Mr. Janus refused to join the union because he opposed many of the union's decisions, including those taken in collective bargaining. Employees who declined to join the union were not assessed full union dues but instead were required to pay an "agency fee" which was a percentage of the union dues (here 78.06% of full union dues).

The employees were not asked and were not required to consent before the fees were deducted. In Illinois, the nonmembers were told that the agency fee covered lobbying, social and recreational activities, advertising, membership meetings and conventions and litigation, as well as other unspecified services that “may ultimately insure to the benefit of the members of the local bargaining unit.” Mr. Janus sued challenging the constitutionality of agency fees. In his case, the fees amounted to about \$535/year.

This week, the Supreme Court held that the State’s extraction of agency fees from nonconsenting public-sector employees violates the First Amendment. In its decision, the Court overturned a 41-year-old decision, *Abood v. Detroit Bd. Of Ed.*, 431 U.S. 209 (1977) and overturns laws in 22 states.

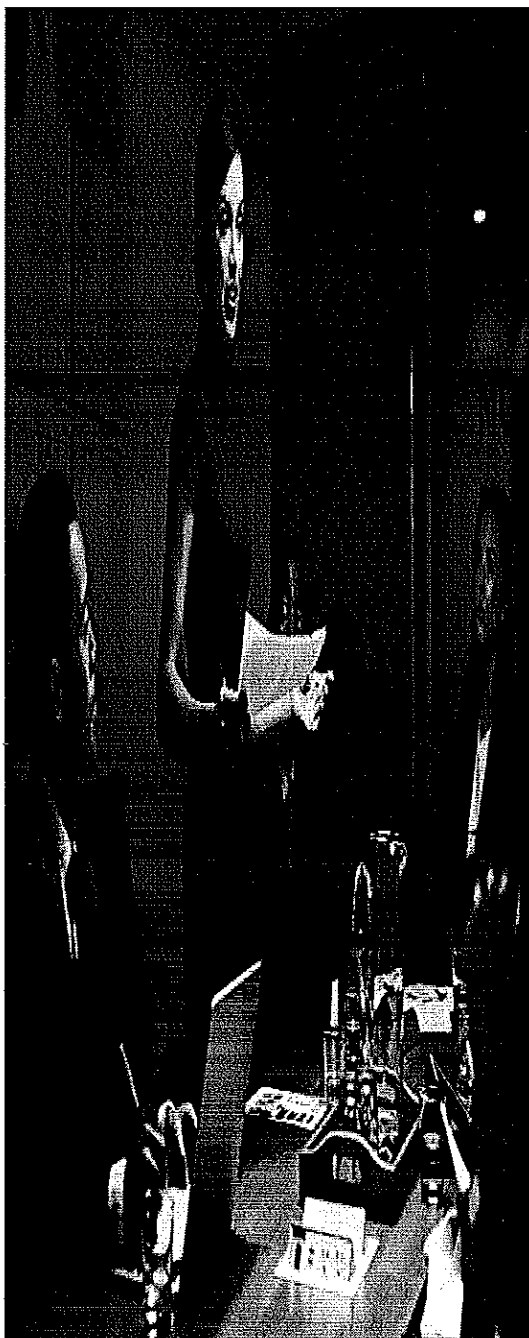
In addition to the historic argument in *Abood* regarding ‘free riders,’ Respondents argued that mandatory agency fees were necessary for unions to bargain with an adequately funded budget and to improve the efficiency of the work force. Respondents argued agency fees are needed to prevent nonmembers from enjoying the benefit of union representation without shouldering the costs (free-riding). The Supreme Court rejected each argument in turn, finding that the government’s proffered interests did not justify the heavy burden of agency fees on nonmembers’ First Amendment interests.

As a result, states and public-sector unions may no longer extract agency fees from nonconsenting employees. The Court held the First Amendment is violated when money is taken from nonconsenting employees for a public-sector union; employees must choose to support the union before anything is taken from them. Public-sector unions are still free to organize and represent their members, but cannot compel non-members to support their activities.

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Professional Development



Women's Issues in Legal Roles

More women are now graduating from law school than ever before and many are facing adversity with in-house legal departments.

Here are a few professional tips to deal with challenges head-on.

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The Art of Negotiation

As a successful lawyer, the essential ingredient for career advancement is being able to negotiate. Choosing what negotiation style to employ can be a determinative factor in winning cases and thriving in business.

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Happy Birthday America!

Supreme Court: What a week!?! Justice Kennedy announced his retirement giving President Trump an opportunity to appoint a solid conservative on the court that will hold up the principles enshrined in our constitution...rather than rewrite it.

Then the Supreme Court passed the Janus decision, finally giving government workers the right to choose whether or not to pay union dues. With municipal unions blindly backing Democrats with their union dues, this gives workers the ability to make their own decisions when it comes to politics. This is huge!

Attempted Entrapment: Stunning, as the Obama Administration's political hacks attempted to entrap members of the Trump campaign in what clearly is becoming decided clear political gamesmanship. This kind of activity threatens our democracy at its core. "Spygate" is worse than "Watergate" because of the brazen political bias and intent to stop the election of a major party's nominee...regardless of who that person is. Offenders should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Democratic Ideas: Think about this, from union dues to Obamacare, liberal ideas are so good they have to use government to force you to buy them?!? A bankrupt party?

The Democrats have Lost It: Congresswomen Maxine Waters and Nancy Pelosi now represent the mainstream of the Democratic Party...which is truly unbelievable! Elections have consequences, they lost, and the Trump Administration is implementing their promises, their policy. If the liberal/progressive left disagrees, harness the intellectual power of the liberal left, make your case to the American people for open borders, catch and release, higher taxes, less jobs, civil disobedience, racism and going backwards....and let the American people decide at the ballot box. I think we are in the midst of a second American Revolution, the difference is conservatives and normal Americans are willing to fight it at the ballot box rather than at the end of barrel or a flying brick.

The progressive left wing Democratic Party has gone too far. They've lost any semblance of civil discord. They openly finance, encourage and defend anything from near domestic terrorism by individual with Antifa - Black Lives Matter to MS-13, to riots in the streets, to an invasion of illegal immigrants across our border to our own law enforcement, intelligence services and IRS targeting U.S. citizens for political reasons.

An Obama/Clinton legacy that will be a shockingly disturbing chapter in America's history.

Why Share This Newsletter: I've had a few questions over the last few weeks as to why I share various information and news stories via this newsletter and online.

I want activists to engage. I email this newsletter every Sunday to about 16,000 activists, reporters, pundits and other folks who care. It's free...it a collection of some of the key stories for the week that help inform and move the debate forward.

The goal is to give a conservative perspective, facts to fight the left and to motivate Americans to engage in the debate over public policy that matters.

I also want to help expose the radical left wing propaganda as just that. The tactics and willingness of so many on the left to lie, distort, threaten and destroy civil discourse is dangerous. Too many have lost the ability to agree to disagree and have a rational disagreement over policy and politics.

We need to tone it down...get back to a battle over ideas...let both side express themselves in civil discourse. Leave the bats, bottles, masks and race baiting name calling at home.

So I hope it helps, informs and motivates...for it's a fight worth fighting.

Keep the faith!

-Saul Anuzis



Trump's poll numbers are surging as he faces some of the biggest controversies of his presidency

- President Donald Trump has faced intense, sustained media and political backlash to his immigration policies.
- But amid the controversies, Trump's approval is near a high at 45%. That's about what President Barack Obama was polling at this stage in his presidency.
- Many in the US don't trust the media, potentially explaining why the outrage on news programs hasn't shown up in polling.

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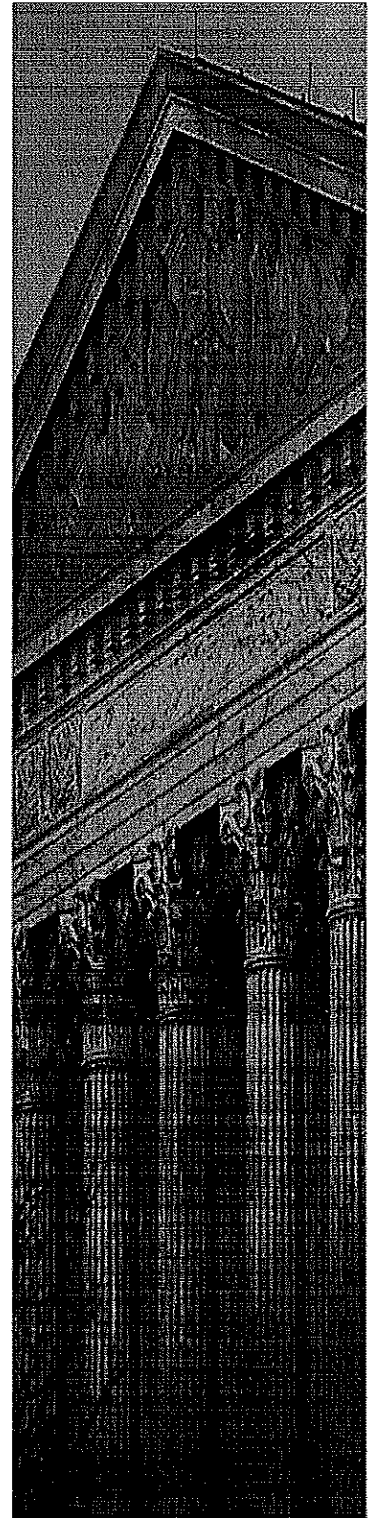
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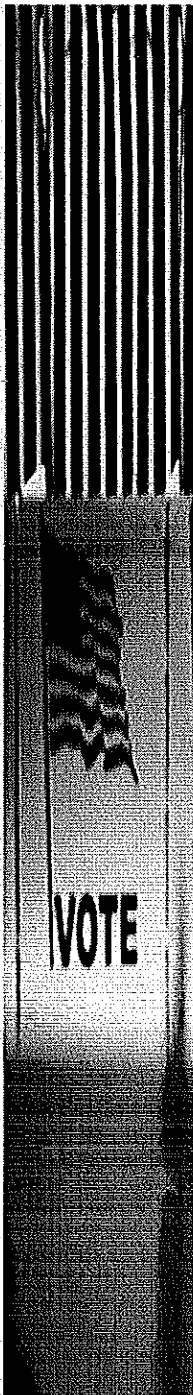
Rank and file government workers won big over union bosses Wednesday when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 5-4 in favor of Mark Janus, an Illinois state worker who refused to join the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees. The court struck down an Illinois law that allowed the union to deduct fees from Janus's paycheck despite his refusal to join.

The Janus ruling smashes laws in 22 states -- including New York, Connecticut, New Jersey and California -- that compel nonmembers to support unions. Until now, if you wanted a government job in these states, you had to pay up. But now firefighters, teachers and other public employees won't have to fork over a penny to a union if they choose not to join. For the average worker who opts out, it will mean hundreds of dollars more in take-home pay a year.

More in workers' pockets, less in union coffers. Nationwide, unions are expected to forfeit hundreds of millions of dollars when nonmembers stop paying and some members quit to save money, too.

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Midterm turnout surges for both parties

A surge in voter enthusiasm has prompted millions more Democrats to cast ballots in primary elections this year, a turnout explosion ahead of midterms..

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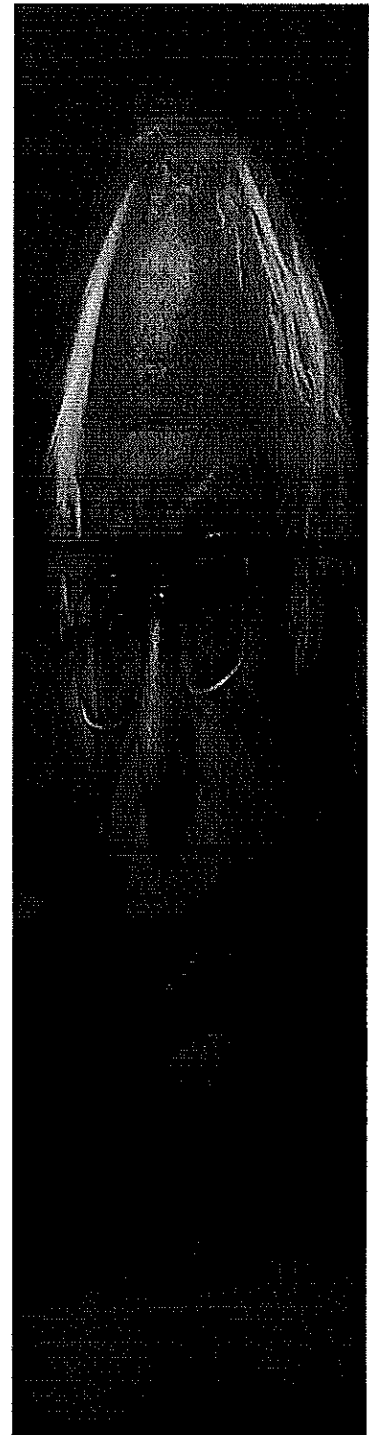
The Democrats Are Done Pretending to Be Moderate

They think they're unpopular because they aren't left-wing enough.

The Democratic love of socialism was for many years the love that dared not speak its name. No more. Now the party is figuratively jumping on Oprah's couch shouting its love of socialism. You'd have to plug your ears not to hear it.

Socialist Bernie Sanders is unquestionably the spiritual leader of the Democratic party, which is radicalizing itself in his image, and on the strength of her blowout Democratic-primary win over liberal incumbent Joe Crowley in the party-ruled NY-14 congressional district, soon-to-be-congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez is now one of the most prominent faces in the Democratic party. A poll last fall put support for socialism at 44 percent among Millennials, and even more disturbingly, 23 percent of this group agreed that Joseph Stalin is a "hero." Socialized medicine, i.e., Medicare for all, is the hottest issue on the Left (unless you count hating Trump as an "issue").

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After Its Hard Left Turn, Will Democratic Party Officially Admit It's Socialist?

Progressives: The shocking primary victory of 28-year-old socialist Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez over Congress' No. 4, Democrat Joe Crowley, underscores what we have long noted: The Democratic Party is no longer a party of moderation, but a party of the extreme left. And it's moving ever faster and farther leftward with each election cycle.

The 57%-42% drubbing of Crowley looks like the death knell not just for his political career, but for that of his mentor House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi. Crowley, after all, was the hand-picked successor to Pelosi. He had outlasted his far younger opponent by 10-to-1.

Ocasio-Cortez isn't a make-believe socialist; she belongs to the Democratic Socialists of America. And she had the backing of Bernie Sanders' "Our Revolution" political group. "Our Revolution"? Do they want a civil war? It's a real concern. A new Rasmussen poll shows 31% of Americans think a civil war is likely soon, while 59% fear violence from Trump haters.

That's scary.

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Early FBI contacts with Trump campaign officials analyzed; 'Efforts to manufacture evidence'

Lee Smith at Real Clear Investigations has a lengthy analysis of the early contacts with Trump campaign official prior to the official launch of the FBI's counterintelligence probe known as "Crossfire Hurricane."

How extensive the FBI or other US intelligence/law enforcement agencies' contacts with Trump campaign advisers were prior to the July 31, 2016 start date for the official investigation has been a great mystery for journalists and congressmen willing to ask.

Congressman Devin Nunes, the Chairman of the House Intelligence Committee has been trying to get to the bottom of these contacts and the exact origin of the FBI probe for several months and has still been met with stonewalling from the Justice Department.

Smith has detailed as many as seven contacts with Trump campaign figures that have been made public:

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Days of Rage: There is no limiting principle on leftist fury.

American politics is taking a dangerous turn. Or, I should say, American politics is taking a dangerous turn again. In the space of a few days last week, leftist protesters individually targeted trump aide Stephen Miller, taunted Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen Nielsen in a restaurant and at her home, mocked (and allegedly spat at) Florida attorney general Pam Bondi at a movie theater, and denied service to Trump press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders at a restaurant in Lexington, Va.

Make no mistake, this is provocative rhetoric. Angry, in-your-face confrontations dramatically increase the chances of violence. Put people in close proximity, yelling and spitting, and public officials will rightly start to fear that they're in physical danger. While millions of Americans don't remember that a Bernie Sanders supporter last year tried to assassinate a significant portion of the GOP Congress, you can be assured that not a single Republican in Washington has forgotten. They can never be sure that the screaming person in front of them doesn't mean them physical harm.

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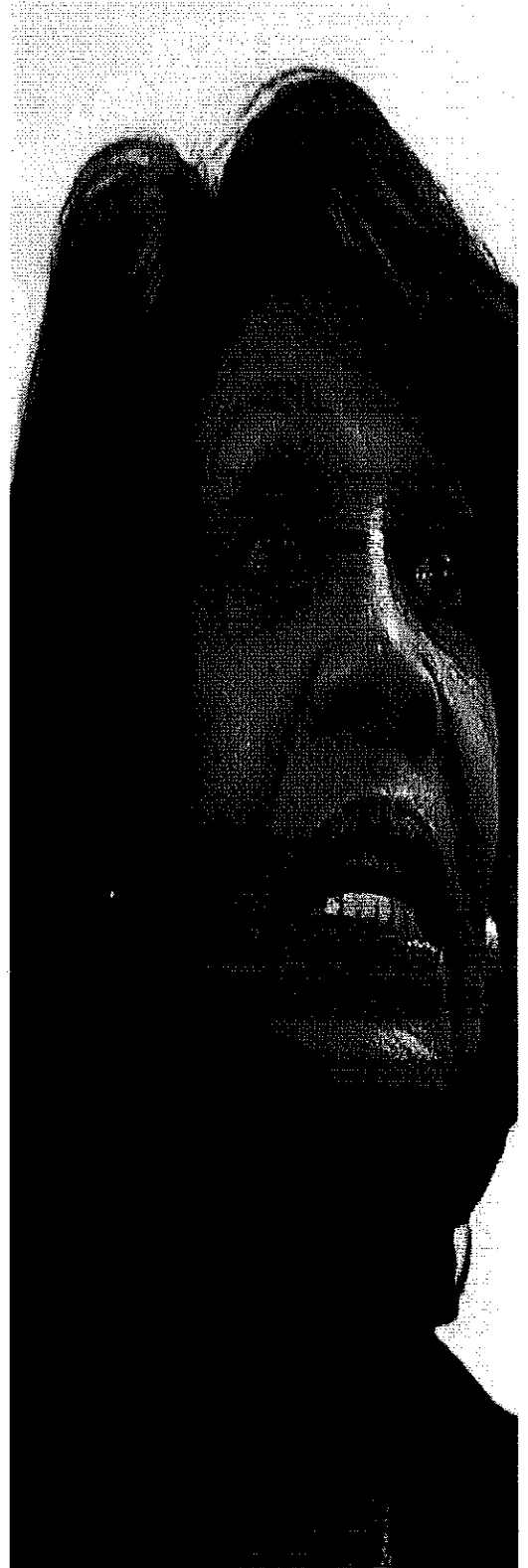
Maxine Waters advances a liberal strategy with her call for mob action

With the appalling news of the past few weeks of mobs attempting to harass and intimidate President Trump's female Cabinet members and staff, the inclination is to believe that this remarkable behavior, so antithetical to American values, is the result of a lack of leadership in the Democratic Party.

Yet, the organized nature of the attacks, combined with liberal political and legacy media rhetoric, makes clear this is not some sort of organic turn of events. Having come from the left, I can tell you everything liberals do is organized around the principle of personalizing, punishing and polarizing; it's the only thing they know how to do and is a required skill when you can't persuade people on the details of the issues and have no actual policy solutions.

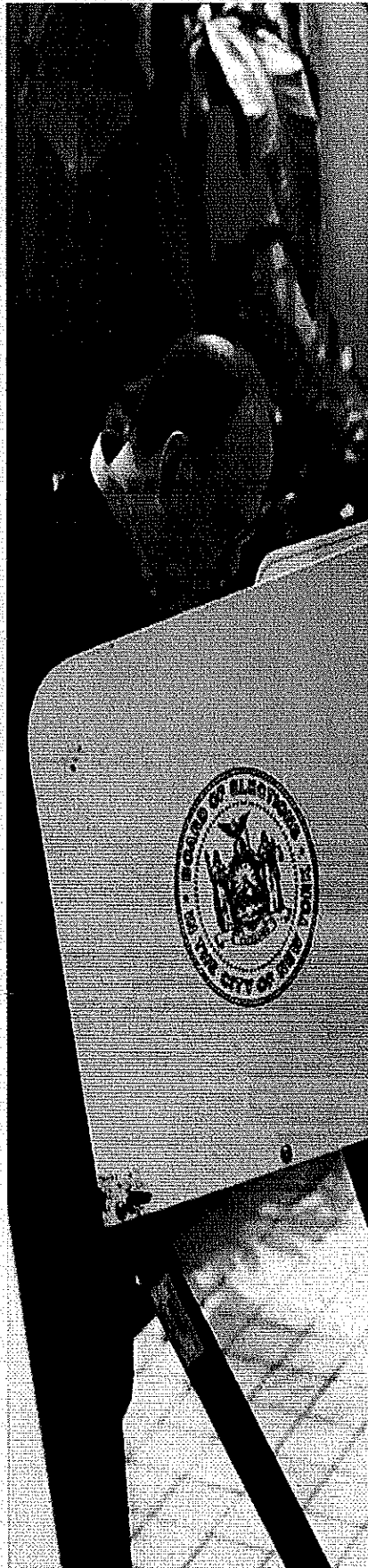
While some were calling for an end to this classically fascist behavior, Rep. Maxine Waters, California Democrat, decided more mob action would be good. Ms. Waters spoke to a group in Los Angeles and did not call for an end to the menacing; instead, she encouraged it.

Real Clear Politics reported, "She said cabinet members and highly visible Trump enablers should expect harassment at restaurants, gas stations, shopping places, and even their homes, 'Already you have members of your cabinet that are being booed out of restaurants. We have protesters taking up at their house who are



saying, 'No peace, no sleep. No peace, no sleep ...? 9 Waters finished with a call to action: 'If you see anybody from that cabinet in a restaurant, in a department store, at a gasoline station, you get out and you create a crowd. You push back on them. Tell them they= 2re not welcome anymore, anywhere!' "

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Crazy Left Wins a Big One! Crowley stunner tops huge night for left

Veteran Rep. Joe Crowley's (D-N.Y.) stunning defeat on Tuesday night rocked the political world, as progressive candidates stormed to victory in primaries held across the country. Crowley, the chairman of the House Democratic caucus who was seen as a potential future speaker, lost in a massive upset to progressive challenger Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, a 28-year-old organizer for Sen. Bernie Sanders's (I-Vt.) presidential campaign.

Other liberal candidates won primary challenges in top House and gubernatorial races. Former NAACP President Ben Jealous, who was endorsed by Sanders, won the Democratic primary in Maryland's governor race. And activist Dana Balter won her House primary in upstate New York.

Those victories illustrate that voters have an appetite to buck the political establishment, as progressives seek to move the Democratic Party farther to the left.

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The Left Tries To Blame Trump For Their Own Hate Mongering

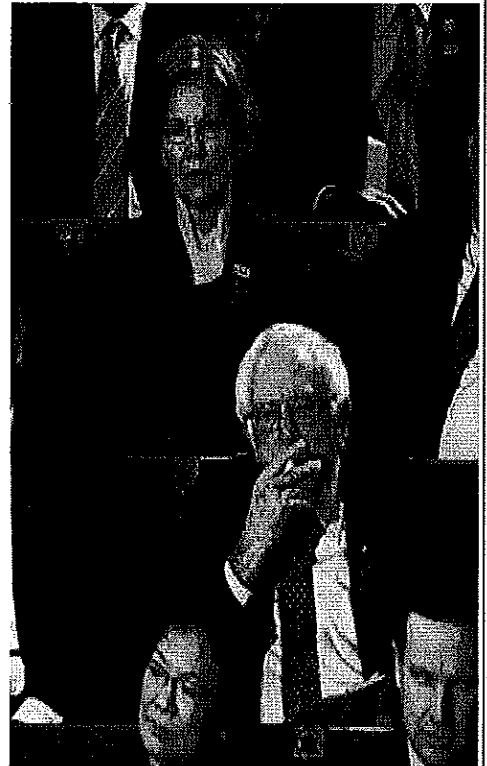
Civil Society: When not worrying that its increasingly hostile anti-Trump antics might backfire on Democrats, the left is busy blaming President Trump's own incivility for the ferocity of their attacks. But this is exactly how the left treats all conservatives, rough-hewn or not.

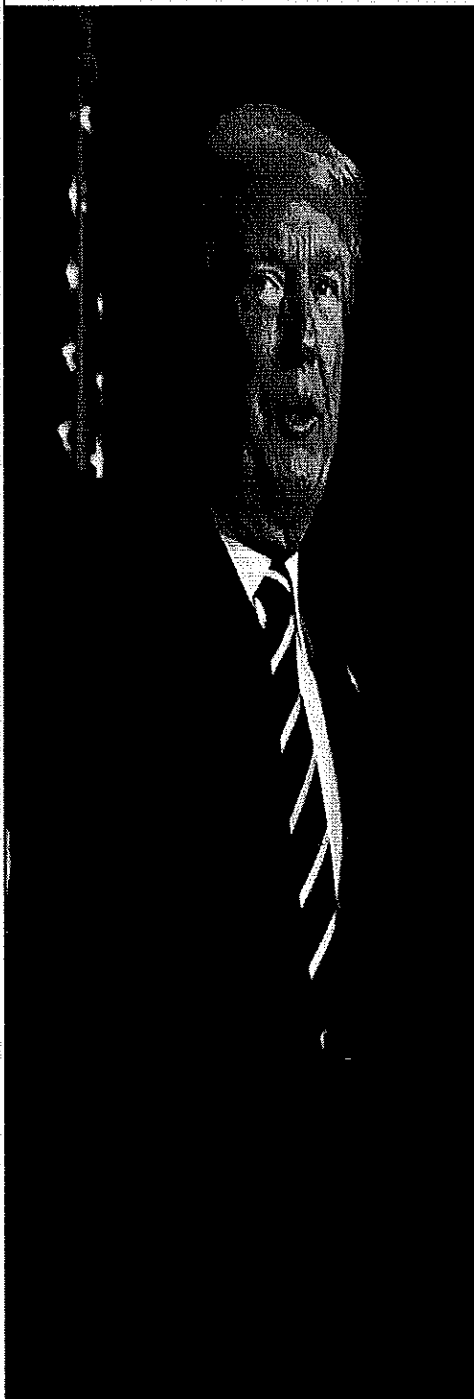
After a week in which a celebrity called for the abduction of the president's young son, a restaurant kicked out Trump's spokesman, and a mob harassed the Homeland Security secretary, Democrats are starting to wonder if their "resistance" is getting out of hand — while refusing to take any blame for it.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi managed to perfectly encapsulate this when she said "Trump's daily lack of civility has provoked responses that are predictable but unacceptable."

The blame-Trump-first meme has been catching on fast.

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As days pass, will Trump waste another chance to build the wall?

Building a wall on the U.S.-Mexico border was Donald Trump's premier campaign promise, and he is running out of chances to keep it.

Trump has been president for nearly a year and a half, and has not yet won anywhere near the funding needed to build the wall along the 1,000 or so miles of border that he pledged to voters. Now, there are two Republican immigration bills in the House, each of which would provide around \$25 billion for the wall, and Trump has blown them both off, saying he'd rather try again after November's midterm elections.

"Republicans should stop wasting their time on immigration until after we elect more Senators and Congressmen/women in November," Trump tweeted Friday. "Dems are just playing games, have no intention of doing anything to solve this decades old problem. We can pass great legislation after the Red Wave!"

Now, it is entirely possible Republicans will keep control of the House and Senate. It's also possible they will lose. But does anyone believe the GOP will gain enough seats to pass difficult legislation without somehow settling their internal disputes? Unlikely.

And of course Democrats are playing games with immigration. They still will be after the election, no matter what happens.

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Even Europe is Securing Their Borders...EU leaders reach migration deal after marathon talks in Brussels

European Union leaders reached a breakthrough deal on migration after all-night talks in Brussels, European Council President Donald Tusk announced on Friday.

The agreement has been billed as "make or break" for German Chancellor Angela Merkel's future in office amid a dispute with her hardline Interior Minister Horst Seehofer.

Read what's happened so far:

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Immigration - Using gumballs to explain the challenge

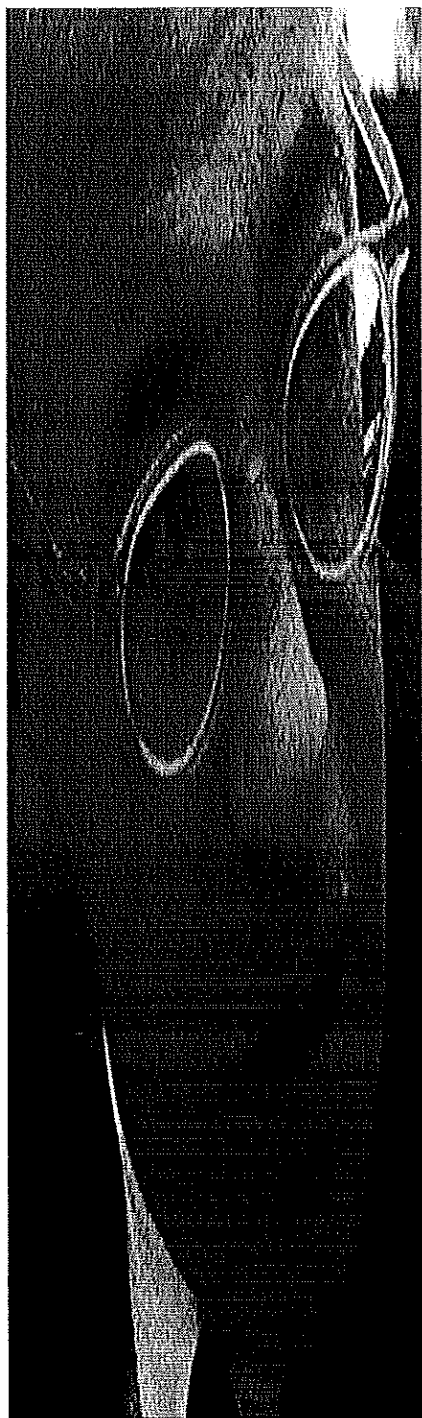
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Worth Remembering and Keeping In Mind: Saul Alinsky's 13 Tried-and-True Rules for Creating Meaningful Social Change

Saul David Alinsky died 36 years before the election of Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton's first attempt for the presidency. But many feverish screeds on social media, talk radio, and YouTube might have made one think he lurked behind these politicians like Rasputin. Spoken of by many on the right as a servant of the devil, "American Joseph Goebbels," and "dangerous harbinger of insurrection," Alinsky developed a reputation for insidiousness that may exceed his influence, considerable though it may be.

But liberals and leftists have no special purchase on Alinsky's legacy. As one thoughtful, eloquent pundit recently wrote, "the Right has taken Saul Alinsky's Rules for Radicals and shoved it up where #TheResistance don't shine." Not long before this charming appropriation, Alinsky's 1971 manual of political warfare found its way into the hands of some of the same Tea Party organizers who had made his name synonymous with everything they despised about the left. (See Alinsky court his Luciferian comparisons in the 1966 interview above.)

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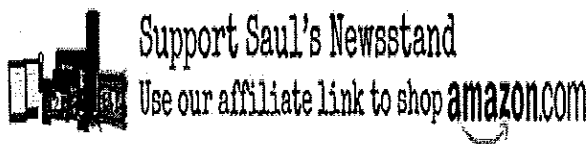
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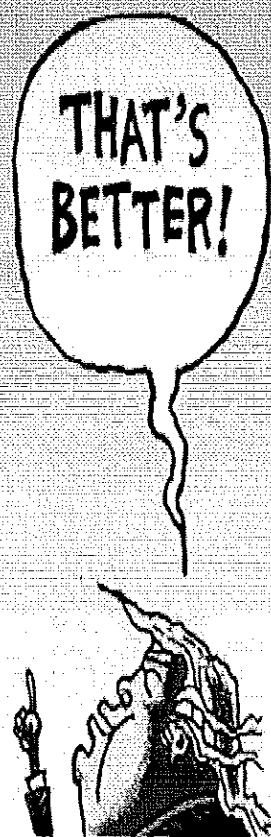
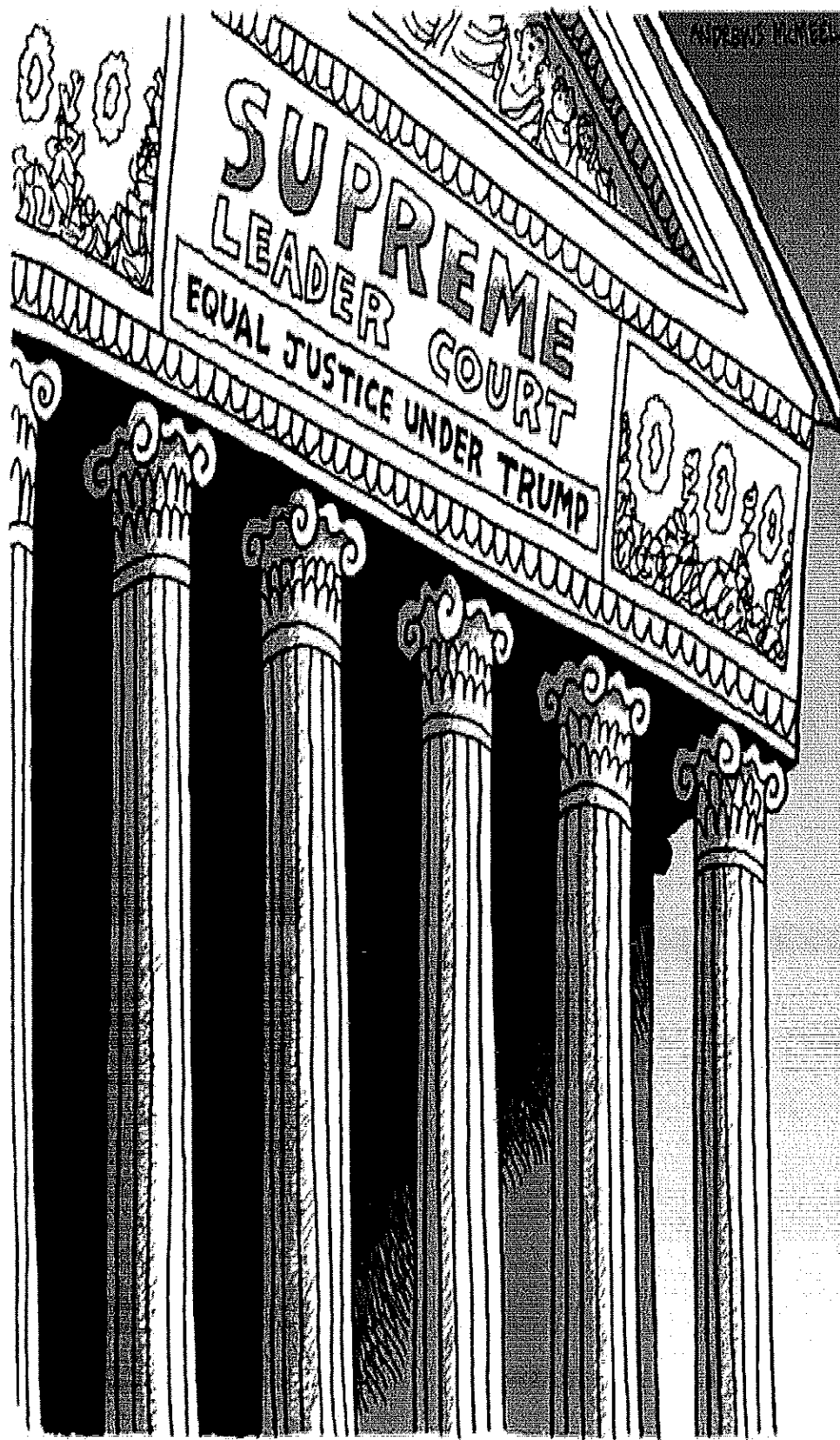
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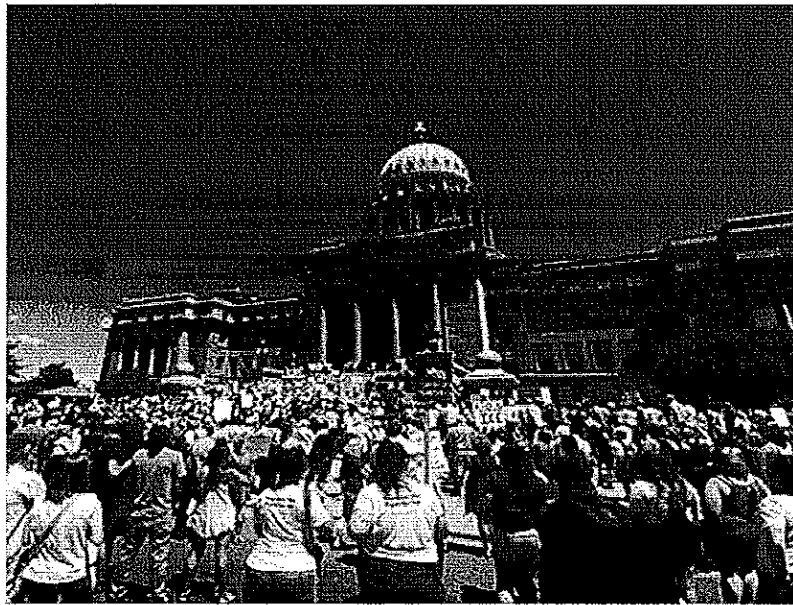
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From: Jim Denton
Subject: What Are YouDoing To Stop Him?



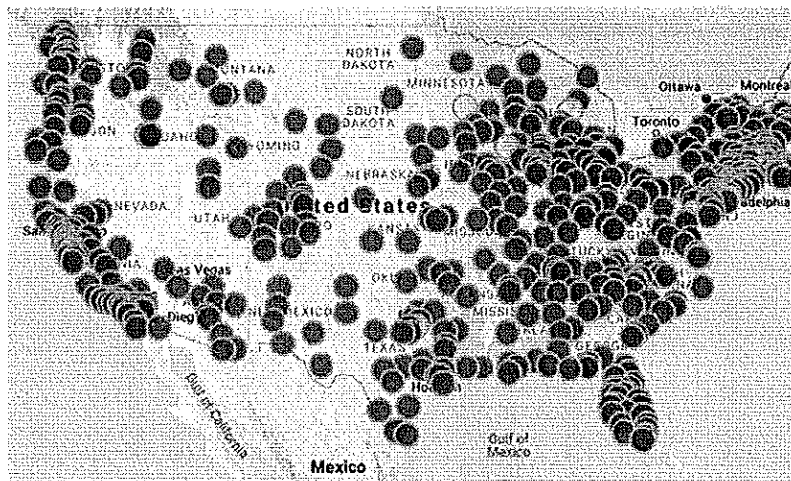
From: Anna, Ben, Karine, Corinne, and the rest of the team, MoveOn Civic Action
Subject: What happened today

After weeks of heartbreaking images, here are some beautiful rays of hope:



In Washington, D.C., today, 35,000 demonstrators braved 96-degree temperatures to march on the White House and send a crystal-clear message: Families Belong Together. There were 30,000 participants in New York, 60,000 in Chicago, more than 70,000 in Los Angeles, and huge turnouts from Orlando, Florida, to Austin, Texas, to Boise, Idaho (which is one of the pictures above!). We were everywhere.

Here's the eye-popping map of all the protests, one dot per demonstration, spanning all 50 states, as hundreds of thousands of us gathered in cities from Antler, North Dakota, to Lake Worth, Florida:



More than 750 cities. One message. This is what it looks like when a nation speaks with one voice.

The past few weeks have been excruciating. We've learned about unspeakable abuses being perpetrated in our name. And at the same time, the Supreme Court upheld the Muslim Ban, which keeps yet more families separated. A Supreme Court retirement means fundamental rights for women and the LGBTQ+ community—among others are now on the line for a generation.

And for the thousands of parents and children in cages, not knowing if they'd ever see their family members again, it was, and remains, infinitely worse.

But today was a ray of hope.

It was a reminder that, for all the chaos and cruelty of those in power, a massive and growing movement exists in every corner of the nation that still believes in fundamental decency. It was a reminder that—at the ultimate wellspring of power in the American political system—the core values of we, the people blaze, undiminished, indivisible.

The horror that so many of us feel about the devastating policies of our government won't go away due to a march. But we are here, we are ready to fight, and we won't go away. This administration hopes to crush our will to resist. Today, we made clear that they will fail.

In the days ahead, we'll be sharing more actions we, together, can take next to build upon this momentum, end these terrorizing and traumatizing policies, hold abusers accountable, and reunite families. Our movement needs to:

- **Keep up the heat on decision-makers everywhere.** We'll organize more in-person actions to create pressure to reunite families, close family prisons, and end indefinite detention—working with Indivisible, the National Domestic Workers Alliance, and other organizations.
- **Hold corporations accountable** for profiting off this system—companies such as Wells Fargo must be held accountable for their role in funding family separation infrastructure.
- **Rein in the excesses of the brutal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers** who are terrorizing communities and tearing apart families across the country.

And we need to make sure everyone who is eligible registers to vote—a critical way to get involved with all the issues that matter to all our communities and families.

More on all of that soon. Watch your email for opportunities to take action, or join MoveOn's SMS list to get text messages with alerts about clear, impactful actions by texting FAMILY to 668366.

We decided to throw down on this national day of action less than two weeks ago. Our close partner, Rep. Pramila Jayapal, first publicly announced it on Chris Hayes's television show, the next day. In response, communities everywhere—including longtime immigrant leaders who've been at this for years and decades, along with newcomers to action for immigrant rights—have organized one of the biggest protests of the Trump era.

All together, more than 180 partner organizations came together to pull this off, including MoveOn, the National Domestic Workers Alliance, the Leadership Conference for Civil and Human Rights, the ACLU, faith groups such as Sojourners and the Presbyterian Church, Avaaz, the Southern Poverty Law Center, and a range of labor unions, the YWCA, scores more tremendous allies and partners, and countless local groups in cities large and small, united across lines of ethnicity, race, national origin, and language.

When you feel alone, when it's all too much, remember that what is possible when we come together. That there is power in our numbers.

In the decades to come, people will ask themselves and each other what they did to fight the darkness at this moment in history.

Today, millions of us summoned a piece of an answer. We were in the streets. And we won't stop until we turn the darkness back.

P.S. We'll be sharing more photos and videos on social media throughout the days ahead. If you have any, email them to photos@moveon.org or post them on Facebook or Twitter and tag @MoveOn with the hashtag #FamiliesBelongTogether. Here are a few more images from around the country today= 2including Representative Pramila Jayapal and Lin-Manuel Miranda, Ai-jen Poo, Vanita Gupta, and me at the head of the march from the D.C. rally to the Department of Justice.



Want to support MoveOn's work? We didn't budget for today's million-dollar national protest against children being torn away from their parents on our border, in our name. And, as Elizabeth Warren said in an email to MoveOn members this past week, it feels like "the world is on fire." We still must continue fighting to keep families together AND throw down with partners on an emergency campaign to help save the Supreme Court from a full-on right-wing takeover in light of Justice Kennedy's departure—AND make sure that we don't have to make cuts to our other critical work. To do it, we need your ongoing support, now more than ever. **Will you stand with us?** [Donate monthly](#) or [make a one-time gift](#)

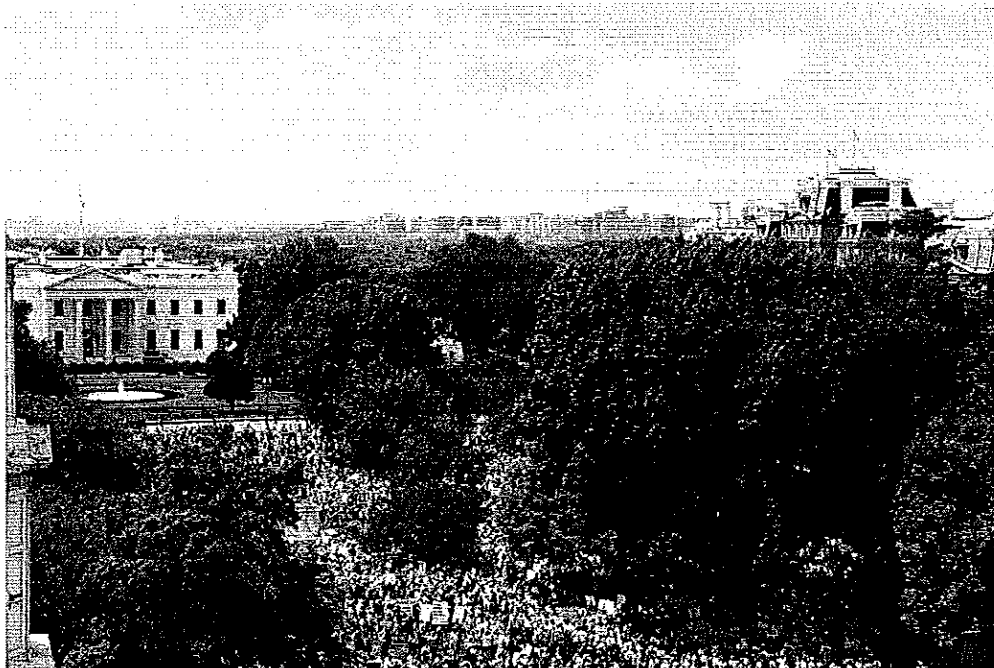
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From: Victoria, Shari, Karthik, Scott, and the rest of the team, MoveOn Political Action

Subject: Next steps (RSVP for Monday's call with Rep. Jayapal and Karine Jean-Pierre?)

Yesterday, I stood in 90+ degree heat with tens of thousands of people, young and old, at Washington, D.C.'s Families Belong Together rally and march. Today, I'm reading some of the hundreds of front-page news stories, scanning thousands of photos, sitting with my emotions, and strategizing. After a week of some terrible political news, the passion and commitment of yesterday's protests—more than 750 events in every corner of the country and across the globe—lifted my spirits. I know that we have the public and the momentum on our side.

Tomorrow, I'm hosting a mass call with Representative Pramila Jayapal, one of the key architects of Saturday's rallies and marches, MoveOn national spokesperson Karine Jean-Pierre, and young MoveOn member Marwa E. to unveil MoveOn's 2018 Resist & Win grassroots volunteer election organizing program, and I hope you'll join us. [Click here to RSVP now for the web-streamed call tomorrow, Monday, July 2 at 8:30 p.m. ET \(7:30 CT/6:30 MT/5:30 PT\).](#)



Now is the time to take inspiration from yesterday's incredible outpouring of solidarity, outrage, and compassion -- and make lasting political impact by voting out the people who are creating and enabling relentless attacks on immigrants and on the soul of our nation, and the rest of Trump's and the GOP's disastrous agenda.

Here are three next steps I invite you to take this week:

- **Join the What's Next? March to the Voting Booth call tomorrow, Monday, July 2 at 8:30 p.m. ET (7:30 CT/6:30 MT/5:30 PT)** to learn about MoveOn's Resist & Win 2018 election program. Together, we will work to end Republican control of the House and vote out politicians who are enabling family separation and detention and other attacks on our communities and democracy. **RSVP here for Monday's web-streamed live video call with Rep. Pramila Jayapal, Karine Jean-Pierre, and inspiring student activist and MoveOn member Marwa E.**
- **Apply to be a MoveOn 2018 Resist & Win Leader.** You'll help mobilize fellow MoveOn members and allies in one of 100 priority congressional districts. You'll get training, support, and the platform to lead local efforts that will help us end GOP control of Congress. Applications are due this Thursday, July 5, at 11:59 p.m. local time, so don't wait to apply. We especially encourage young people, students, people of color, immigrants, and LGBTQ people to apply to this multi-racial, inter-generational organizing program. **Click here to submit your application now.**
- **Order your free sticker to display in your community of a design that was seen at marches across the country.** The image by Pablo Stanley, an immigrant artist, can serve as an ongoing reminder of our shared values. Imagine members of Congress, when home in their districts, unable to get across town without seeing this tangible reminder of how many of us are fighting alongside immigrant families. We printed a batch of these stickers and are giving them away for FREE until we run out of stock. **Just click here to order yours.** (You can see an picture of this image projected onto the side of the Newseum, which MoveOn Civic Action and partners arranged on the eve of the Family Belong Together actions, below.)



There's no sugar-coating this. We have our work cut out for us.

But I know we are turning the tide in this fight—and as so many people chanted together yesterday, "We won't turn back."

P.S. Here are just three of the hundreds, perhaps thousands of media stories about what people like YOU made possible yesterday:

- "Family Separation Protests Shift the Narrative"
The Atlantic, June 30, 2018
- "Protesters flood US cities to fight Trump immigration policy"
Associated Press, July 1, 2018
- "In 50 states, hundreds of thousands protest immigration policy, with focus on midterms"
USA Today, June 30, 2018

RSVP here to join Rep. Pramila Jayapal and Karine Jean-Pierre Monday night, and click here to apply to become a MoveOn 2018 Resist & Win Leader.

Want to support MoveOn's work? Senator Jeff Merkley says: "MoveOn has been fighting Donald Trump's horrific anti-immigrant policies every day since he took office, and they will continue to fight every day until a new Congress—and a new president—put a stop to these policies once and for all. If you believe that separating

children from their families is wrong—and that it's got to stop—then will you chip in monthly, so that MoveOn can campaign against this moral outrage and build the political power to stop this and other horrific policies?" **Chip in now:** Donate monthly or make a one-time gift

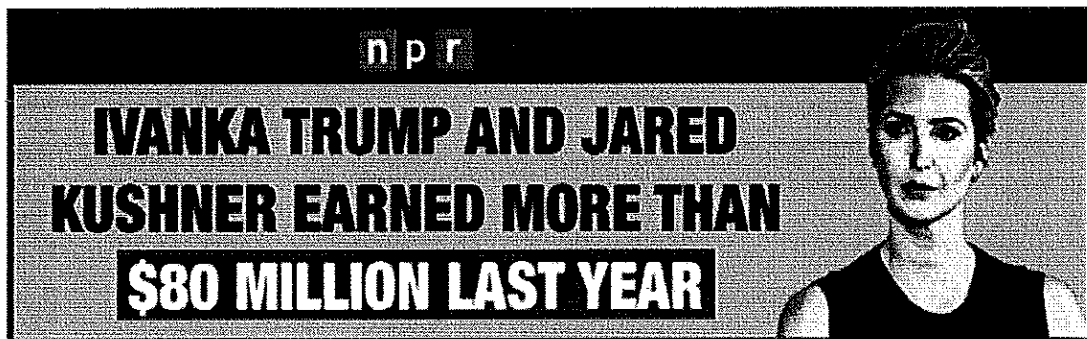
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From: NPR Bombshell via FightforReform.org
Subject: Ivanka Trump did something WILDLY unethical

BREAKING ON NPR: Ivanka Trump made \$82 MILLION in outside income last year while working at the White House.



This NPR report just EXPOSED Ivanka Trump:



Here's the simple truth: Ivanka is advising on government decisions while she's STILL entangled in the family's businesses.

And some of those businesses have foreign connections:



It's shady. It's unethical. And it's potentially illegal!

We think Ivanka Trump should resign her position in the White House immediately!
But we need to hear from members like you now:

Should Ivanka Trump RESIGN?

YES: Ivanka Should Resign >>

NO >>

From: CLG_News

Subject: Supreme Court deals major blow to public sector unions; Justice Kennedy to retire

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Justice Anthony Kennedy to Retire From Supreme Court | 27 June 2018 | Justice Anthony M. Kennedy announced on Wednesday that he would retire, setting the stage for a furious fight over the future direction of the Supreme Court. Justice Kennedy, 81, has long been the decisive vote in many closely divided cases. His retirement gives President Trump the opportunity to fundamentally change the course of the Supreme Court. A Trump appointee would very likely create a solid five-member conservative majority that could imperil abortion rights and expand gun rights...Justice Kennedy wrote the majority opinion in Citizens United, which allowed unlimited campaign spending by corporations and unions [aka Deep State], and he joined the majority in Bush v. Gore, which handed the 2000 presidential election [aka coup d'etat] to George W. Bush.

Trump begins Supreme Court search to replace Anthony Kennedy | 28 June 2018 | US President Donald Trump has said the search for a replacement for retiring Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy will "begin immediately". "We have to pick one that's going to be there for 40 years, 45 years," Mr Trump said at a rally in North Dakota. The retirement of Mr Kennedy, a conservative who sided with liberals on many votes, gives Mr Trump the chance to shift the balance of the top court further to the right for decades to come. The judge, 81, will retire on 31 July.

Chris Matthews: Dems Should Boycott Trump Court Nominee | 27 June 2018 | MSNBC's Chris Matthews called on Democrats to obstruct the nomination of Justice Anthony Kennedy's replacement to the Supreme Court Wednesday, minutes after Kennedy announced his retirement. "I don't think the Democrats should allow even meetings to occur for Trump's nominee to fill this vacancy by Justice Kennedy," Matthews said on MSNBC's Hardball. "I think they have to fight eye for an eye for what happened in '16, where the Republicans led by Mitch McConnell refused to even consider or meet with Merrick Garland. I think if the Democratic leadership under Schumer allows this to go forward, they're going to have a huge problem with the Democratic base."

Supreme Court deals major blow to public sector unions | 27 June 2018 | The Supreme Court dealt a major blow to public sector unions on Wednesday in a case that could shake their financial structure and undermine their future stability. The

justices struck down an Illinois law that required non-union workers to pay fees that go to collective bargaining and overturned a 1977 law that required employees to pay so-called "fair share" fees. The ruling was 5-4 along familiar ideological lines...Wednesday is the second time in recent weeks where a 5-4 court has infuriated advocates for workers' rights. The court ruled in May that employers could require employees to sign class action waivers in employment arbitration agreements that bar them from banding together to fight legal disputes.

Supreme Court rules non-union workers cannot be forced to pay fees to public sector unions --Experts said that a holding in favor of Janus would be the most significant court decision affecting collective bargaining rights in decades. | 27 June 2018 | The Supreme Court ruled 5-4 Wednesday that non-union workers cannot be forced to pay fees to public sector unions. The case, one of the most hotly anticipated of the term, concerned whether public employees can be forced to pay fees that fund the work of public sector unions. Mark Janus, an employee at the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Human Services, asked the court last summer to overrule a 40-year-old Supreme Court decision. It found that public sector unions could require employees affected by their negotiations to pay so-called "agency fees," which have also been called "fair share fees."

Supreme Court upholds travel ban, handing Trump major victory | 26 June 2018 | The Supreme Court handed President Trump a major victory on Tuesday, upholding his ban preventing nationals from five Muslim-majority countries from entering the United States. In a 5-4 ruling, the court's conservative wing said Trump has broad discretion under immigration law to suspend the entry of people into the United States. "The president lawfully exercised that discretion based on his findings -- following a worldwide, multi-agency review -- that entry of the covered aliens would be detrimental to the national interest," Chief Justice John Roberts wrote in the opinion.

Supreme Court rules for Texas in redistricting case | 25 June 2018 | The Supreme Court on Monday largely ruled in favor of Texas, reviving congressional and legislative districts that were struck down by a lower court for diluting the votes of black and Hispanic voters. In a 5-4 decision, the justices said there isn't enough evidence to prove that state Republicans acted in bad faith and engaged in intentional discrimination when it adopted new maps in 2013 for two congressional districts and several legislative districts. But the court said the lower court was correct in ruling that one legislative district was a racial gerrymander.

Supreme Court rules law enforcement needs warrant to search cellphone data | 22 June 2018 | The Supreme Court ruled Friday that law enforcement in most cases has to obtain a warrant in order to search and seize long-term cell phone records that

would show a person's location. In a 5-4 ruling, the court held that the Fourth Amendment's protections against an unreasonable search protects people from having the government acquire their cell-site records from wireless providers in run-of-the-mill criminal investigations. Chief Justice John Roberts sided with the court's four liberal justices, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Stephen Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan, to make up the majority. Justice Anthony Kennedy dissented along with conservative Justices Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito and Neil Gorsuch.

White House, Kremlin agree on time and place for Trump-Putin summit | 27

June 2018 | The White House and the Kremlin have agreed on a time and place for a summit meeting between President Trump and Vladimir Putin, a Russian official said Wednesday after talks here between the Russian president and national security adviser John Bolton. The details of the much-anticipated meeting will be announced Thursday, the official, Kremlin foreign policy adviser Yuri Ushakov, told reporters. The meeting is expected to take place in mid-July, when Trump will be in Europe for previously scheduled visits to Belgium and Britain..."Your visit here to Moscow inspires hope that we will be able to take first steps to restore full-fledged relations between Russia and the United States," Putin said.

US military indefinitely suspends two training exercises with South Korea | 22

June 2018 | The Pentagon announced Friday that the U.S. would indefinitely suspend two training exercises with South Korea as part of the Trump administration's push to negotiate for the removal of North Korea's nuclear arsenal. Pentagon chief spokeswoman Dana White said that the decision reached by Defense Secretary James Mattis and national security adviser John Bolton would be contingent on future "good faith" negotiations and developments with North Korea and Kim Jong Un's government.

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From: Monique Teal, Daily Kos

Subject: Add your name: No Supreme Court confirmations for Trump while he is under criminal investigation

Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy's retirement could upend the rule of law and put our democratic institutions at even higher risk.

Donald Trump is a subject of a criminal investigation over collusion with Russia in the 2016 election. Key questions in this investigation could very likely end up before the Supreme Court – and decided by a new Trump appointee.

Sign and send a petition to your U.S. senators: No Supreme Court confirmations for Donald Trump while he is under criminal investigation

SIGN AND SEND A PETITION

Trump and his Republican bootlickers have been working overtime to derail Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation. They have levied claims that the investigation is unconstitutional, that he can pardon himself, and that he is allowed to obstruct justice with total impunity. **One or more of these arguments will almost certainly reach the Supreme Court.**

Also of concern is Trump's record of demanding personal loyalty from those he appoints to key positions. He has already done so to Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein and Attorney General Jeff Sessions in order to curb Russia investigation.

His incessant demands for loyalty from officials in his administration and Republicans in Congress make it reasonable to surmise that Trump would levy a similar demand from a Supreme Court Justice nominee – especially considering they may be a crucial vote in any legal action impacting the Russia probe.

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When Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch was nominated, the Russia investigation wasn't public knowledge. Trump hadn't spent more than a year railing against it and attempting to strongarm officials in his administration and Congress into ending it. But now, **Trump's own actions have created the appearance of conflict for any nominee, all of whom would now look as if they are another part of Trump's attack on the rule of law.**

There is so much on the line in addition to the Russia investigation: The right to privacy -- including abortion rights and surveillance of U.S. citizens. Health care.

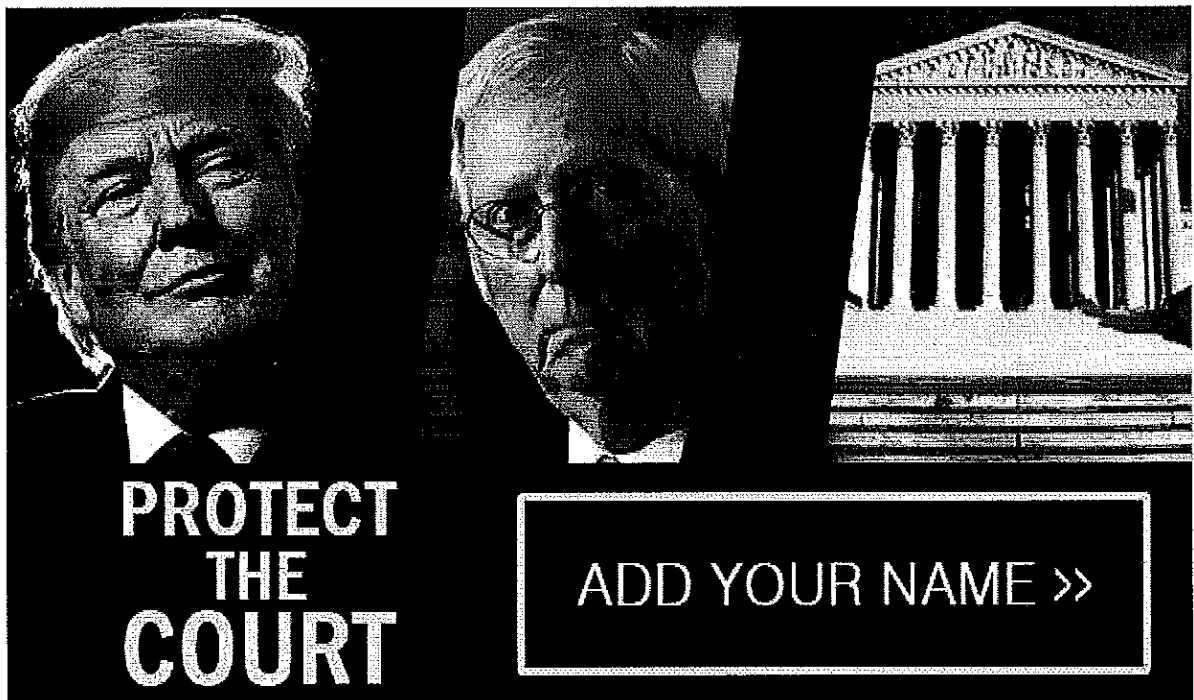
Religious liberty for all. Voting rights. Immigrants' rights. LGBTQ rights. The Supreme Court is the last check on Trump's excesses. **Let's make sure the next justice is free of any semblance of bias by postponing the confirmation until the investigation is complete.**

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From: Ben Betz; Digital Advocacy Director, People For the American Way
Subject: Remember Merrick Garland? Tell the Senate NO VOTE on SCOTUS nominee!

NO VOTE on a new Supreme Court nominee until AFTER the election and AFTER the new Congress is seated in January!



The retirement of Justice Anthony Kennedy -- the Supreme Court's last "swing vote" on critical issues like choice and LGBTQ equality -- gives Donald Trump the chance to drastically reshape the Court for a generation.

But Mitch McConnell set a *new standard* by blocking Senate action on President Obama's Supreme Court nominee Merrick Garland until after the 2016 election. Now, especially with all that's at stake, the Senate should be fair and consistent and hold to that standard.

There should be NO hearing or vote on any new Supreme Court nominee until after the midterm elections and after the new Congress is seated in January!
Sign if you agree>>

Unlike President Obama, Trump is a scandal-plagued president who won his election under a cloud of foreign interference on his behalf, and he has shown an inclination to go with the most extreme policies and nominees at every turn. **The American people deserve a chance to speak via the democratic process before any new Supreme Court nominee is considered.**

McConnell is already saying he wants a vote on whoever Trump nominates by the fall.

US SENATORS: There should be NO hearing or vote on a new Supreme Court nominee until after the midterm elections and after the new Congress is seated in January!
Add My Name>>

This is a pivotal moment for our democracy.

We've seen a Supreme Court seat **STOLEN (by Mitch McConnell)... An election **STOLEN** (by Trump and the Russians)...**

Now, everything we care about is on the line -- because what the Supreme Court does touches *every* issue and *every* community.

A growing number of Democratic senators, including Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, are already calling for a delay in considering any new Trump nominee until after the election.

All senators -- especially Republicans and especially the leadership -- need to hear a massive groundswell of Americans calling for the same.

Add your name immediately to demand that any new Supreme Court nominee not be considered until after the election year>>

Right now, Trump has a "short list" of 25 potential nominees who are -- every single of them -- extreme and unacceptable.

The list is made up of unqualified, narrow-minded elitists who have passed Trump's rigid litmus test of being anti-choice and anti-health care -- that is, they would be reliable votes to overturn *Roe v. Wade* and strike down the Affordable Care Act.

Not a single nominee on that list deserves to be considered or confirmed on their own merits, and if Trump nominates someone from that list, you can bet your ass that we're going to FIGHT tooth-and-nail to keep them off of our Supreme Court.

All the more reason why senators should hold off on considering any new nominee until after the newly elected Congress is seated next year.

Make sure they hear it from you and they know how much you care about this.

Sign the petition now>>

From: Thomas Scott

Subject: Issues in Healthcare

- Unlocked And Loaded: Families Confront Dementia And Guns
- Why some employers are turning to progressive health benefits

From: Andrew Tierman

Subject: Trump appointee guts UN document on racism, says leaders don't have duty to condemn hate speech

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Trump admin protests against UN language calling racism inconsistent with